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Nurses and teachers face pay clampdown

Diane Coyle and Barrie Clement

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Millions of public-sector workers - from doctors and nurses to teachers and soldiers - are facing a "very tough line" on pay rises next year from Gordon

lic sector spending.

The Chancellor reinforced his warning to Cabinet colleagues yesterday of the need to stay within the spending limits inherited from the Torics, and ordered them to carry out reviews within their departments

Brown, the Chancellor, as part

of a renewed squeeze on pub-

to find more savings. Mr Brown is expected to emphasise the need to keep down pay awards in the public sector in his evidence in September to the pay-review bodies for nurses, doctors, teachers, and the armed forces. "There will be a very tough line on public-sector pay, said the Prime Minister's

After years of restraint on pay, a further year of tough controis on pay rises in the public sector could provoke difficulties Drivings the Government. Rapid pay elers (sowth in the private sector will (3233) icrease the pressure for a catch-up in public-sector pay.

New figures earlier this week showed that earnings for private-sector workers are now growing twice as fast as pay in the public services. The gap, which opened up in mid-1993, bas widened markedly since early last year - as the Bank of England noted in an assessment of pay pressures in its inflation

Adam Cole, an economist at City brokers James Capel, said:



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challenge in holding down the public-sector pay bill." In the year to March, average earnings in the private sector rose by 6 per cent, compared to an increase of just under 3 per cent in public services. Average public-sector pay in the latest 12 months has only just kept ahead of inflation, having fallen in real terms in 1995. All the indications are that private-sector

pay will continue to accelerate. Recent business surveys report increasing concerns about skill shortages and rising salaries, especially in service in-

This suggests that if the rise in the total public-sector pay bill is held down, public services will face either more job cuts or growing difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff.

Many employment experts expect the eventual introduction of a national minimum wage to add to the headache for publicsector employers because maintaining differentials will lead to

← Recent business surveys report

increasing concerns about skill shortages and rising salaries 7

Union leaders are privately dismayed that ministers are insisting on keeping the lid on public-sector pay but were also keen yesterday not to antagonise the Government for fear of provoking the withdrawal of plans to legislate on industrial relations.

The "big prizes" for the union movement are a law on union recognition and the repeal of legislation which means that union members have to keep re-authorising the deduction of subscriptions from their

Employees' representatives were also loath to attack the Government on the day it lifted the ban on unions at GCHQ and in the wake of the pledges to sign the Social Chapter of the Maastricht Treaty and introduce

a national minimum wage. Yesterday's warning to Cabinet ministers of the need to trawl through their departmental budgets in a swift review of spending priorities was fore-shadowed in the Labour election manifesto, and could herald changes for 1998-99. mean moving savings from defence, where a fundamental review of commitments is being carried out, to health, education

or other welfare budgets. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, this week met BMA leaders, who are concerned at the inadequacy of the health budget inherited from the Tories.

One BMA source said family doctors would threaten to walk out of their pay-review body if they were held to around the inflation rate of 2.5 per cent for another year.

The Downing Street spokesman said: "The Prime Minister and the Chancellor made brief contributions (at Cabinet) on the importance of the public-spending review and both stressed the importance they attached to it and their desire that their colleagues should be going over all the programmes in their departments to make sure money was being

well spent." After the reviews, ministers will enter discussions with Chief Secretary to the Treasury Alistair Darling and, if necessary, the Chancellor.

The initial proposal in opposition was for a one-year review but it now appears that Mr Blair and Mr Brown are keen to proceed as quickly as possible.

Downing Street insisted there was no date yet for the Budget and that the Treasury would announce it in due



Mandelson's human face

Michael Streeter

Coming from a man given the other inhuman epithets - it is a revelatory moment.

Peter Mandelson, also called the Minister of Black Arts because of his prowess as a spin doctor, is to be shown on television in tears.

This public display of emo-tion, which may just help to melt some of the icy mistrust with which he is regarded by many fellow Labour Party members, comes in an interview in which he talks about the death of his father George.

Asked by clinical psychologist Oliver James if he can remember where he was when his father died, the Minister Without Portfolio nods, then pauses. As tears well in his eyes, he shakes his head and mumbles:

I can't go into that ...' Visibly moved by the recollection of the death, Mr Mandelson is then asked: "Do you on 4 June, Mr Mandelson talks even though he blamed his want to take a moment?"

wiping tears away as the interview moves on to other subjects. Mr James, who interviewed the MP for a new series called

The Chair, which begins on BBC 2 next week, said he was 'amazed" at the show of feeling from such a public figure. He said: "The person who I was led to believe from the

[newspaper] cuttings was the Prince of Darkness, a manipulator, was remarkably different from that. It is very unusual for somebody to be able to be in touch with their emotions yet also be the tough, hard person they have to be."

It was a positive sign for someone in his position to be aware of their background and their past, to "know where they are coming from", said Mr James. Elsewhere in the 20-minute interview, due to be broadcast

The MP rubs his nose and background and the fact that his Party members for allowing in Labour minister Herbert Morrison. Early in his childhood he had "become my grandfather's

He talks movingly of his close bond with his mother Mary, who is still alive, and who was the "backbone" of the family, and of the "mutual admiration" he had with his father,

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with evident pride of his Labour father's generation of Labour the party to years in opposition. The interview was conduct-

ed 18 months ago and its appearance now - in a series involving other public figures such as football manager George Graham and East-Enders actress Patsy Palmer has come many months later than the MP expected.

QUICKLY

Devolution Bills The "landmark" Bill on Scottish and Welsh devolution was pubhished yesterday by the Gon-emment, paving the way for the two instoric referendums to be held by the Autumn. The refa erendums in Wales and Scof-land will be held before the main Bills, establishing the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly, are passed by Parliament.

Howard setback

Michael Howard faces being finstaged by Ann Widdecombe what was to be his showcase to convince Tory MPs that he is the one man tough enough to ake on Tony Blair. The former nome secretary was hoping to ase the Queen's Speech law and rder debate on Monday to côre against Jack Straw and gather votes for his lead-Page 7 rship bid.

S defence review

The US Congress yesterday licand first details of a big defence beview that will reduce military spending, cut troop numbers and force the closure of an unpecified number of bases in the BS, but not abroad. Page 17

Poet begs release from stain of blood

David McKittrick ireland correspondent

Seamus Heaney's image, "a space has been created in which hope can grow," came to be associated with the Northern Ireland peace process and the desire for an end to war. The award to the poet of the Nobel prize for literature was one of hose shining moments in which the best of Ireland was on show.

Now, Heaney, like everyone else, is struggling to come to terms with the continuing eruptions of violence which in recent times have left three people dead, brought about much destruction, and left community nerves on edge.

In January of last year, Heaney's home town of Bellaghy in County Derry celebrated his Nobel prize, feting him for the glory he had brought it. The evening was hosted by one of the town's leading figures, Sean Brown, who presented the poet with a painting of the local Lough

Beg. On Monday night last, Sean

official and profice the was now like a purification, a school from what the greates called the miasma the stain of spilled blood. It is a terrible image

Plea: An extract from Heaney's Impassioned letter sent to the 'Irish News'

jumped him, bundled him into his own car and drove him away. Less than an hour later. firemen were called to Randalstown, ten miles away, to deal with a burning car: as they put out the blaze they found Sean Brown's body nearby.

His death moved Heaney to write to the Belfast Irish News. Sean Brown's murder was cation, a release from what the shocking and sinister. I have Greeks called the miasma, the

Brown was locking up the local known two generations of the Gaelic Athletic Chub premises
when a gang of loyalist gunnen

Brown family. They are people
of great probity, much respected in the Bellaghy district, so my heart goes out to them at this moment ...

"He represented something

better than we have grown used to, something not quite covered by the word 'reconciliation' because that word has become a policy word - official and public. This was more like a purifi-

stain of spilled blood. It is a terrible irony that the man who organised such an event should die at the hands of a sectarian killer".

Mr Brown was 61 years old. He left behind a wife, six children and a community stunned by the injustice of it all. In its time Bellaghy has produced some notorious republican gunmen, among them Dominic McGlinchey, but Mr Brown was not in this tradition: Rather, he was a civil servant

approaching retirement, having spent 30 years teaching me-chanical engineering. He was commended as an outstanding citizen by everyone from the parish priest to the local Royal Ulster Constabulary. Most of all, he was a pivotal figure in the local Gaelic Athletic Association, which is the focus of Bellaghy's sporting, recreational and social life.

On most evenings, he locked up the GAA hall, securing the doors and setting the alarms which are a necessity in this part of Northern Ireland, for the premises have twice been burned down by loyalists. He was the easiest of easy targets. a non-political man except in the sense that he was identifiably Catholic and Irish. Bellaghy is a largely Catholic

town, but both Catholics and Protestants were there to see Sean Brown present the painting to Seamus Heaney. The poet's epitaph for the sportsman dwelt on the irony that the man who organised that mixed evening should fall victim to a sectarian killer.

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Bruton sets election date and promises tax cuts

The Irish Prime Minister, John Brutta, yesterday ended months of speculation by announcing that an task general election will be

After a brief announcement to Figs (MPs), he went to President Mary Robinson to request the dissolution of the Dail then joined Mary Koomson to request the dissourtion of the Dail then joined colleagues in his three-party coalition in launching their manifesto. Flanked by Labour Party leader and Foreign Minister Dick Spring and Proinsias de Rossa, the Democratic Left leader and Social Welfare Minister. Mr Bruton committed the coalition to reducing "the tax take" for an average single earner to 22p in the pound and to 14p for a married person. He said this would not be achieved by simple cuts in tax rates alone but by a middle to discussion of simple cuts in tax rates alone but by a wider re-alignment of personal allowances, tax bands, social insurance contributions and the basic tax rate.

English team wins chess victory

The English chess team has won the European Championship in Pula, Croatia. England ended level with Russia in first place, but took the title on tie-break. It is the first time England have captured a major title in a team event.

During the 1980s, when both Nigel Short and Jonathan Speciman progressed to the final stages of the world individual championship, England was second only to the Soviet Union in the world rankings.

The collapse of the USSR, however, not only failed to diminish Russian dominance, but unleashed a dozen teams from the former Soviet republics all capable of challenging for medals at major

Bat species discovered in Ulster

The British Isles have a new kind of bat. Scientists from Queen's University, Belfast have a new and of oal Scientists from Queen's University, Belfast have discovered a colony of Nathusius's pipistrelle roosting in a building in Antrim, Northern Ireland. Until now, bat experts had found only isolated individuals of the species in the British Isles and thought them to be migrants from the continent, but the Northern Ireland discovery shows they are

Coleman to leave BBC sports quiz



David Coleman is to retire as host of television's longestrunning sports entertainment quiz A Question of Sport, the BBC announced yesterday.

The 71-year-old athletics commentator (pictured) has been at the helm of the popular show for 18 years and said he felt it was time to move on. He announced his decision after recording the last programme in the current series, which will be broadcast later this month.

Mr Coleman, who was immortalised with a Spitting Image puppet, said he wanted to do other things, not necessarily connected to television, although be will continue to be the BBC's senior athletics commentator.

Inquest opens into cousin's death

The inquest into the death of Paul Pearson, the cousin of murdered schoolgirl Kirsty Tidman, who was found dead after being questioned about her killing, was opened and adjourned yesterday. The brief hearing took place as police continued searching the River Thames after Kirsty's headless body, her arms and one of her legs were tound in the water.

Kirsty, 14, disappeared from her home near the river in Charlton, southeast London, on May 4. Mr Pearson, 30, was found with his throat cut in an apparent suicide at his home in Phumstead, south London, last Friday. Earlier police had questioned him about Kirsty's disappearance, then released him on bail.

Coroner Selena Lynch opened the inquest into his death at a short hearing at Southwark Coroner's Court, south-east London, and adjourned the hearing to a date to be fixed.

Record sale boosts art price boom

Two sales of Impressionist and modern art, including works by Cezanne, Monet and Picasso, at Christie's, New York, have realised more than £130m - hitting totals unmatched since the height of the market seven years ago. Thirty eight paintings sold for over a \$1m (£620,000).

Christie's was jubilant, citing the results as evidence of a strengthening of the art market at all levels. The top lot of the two sales was a painting by Paul Cezanne of his wife seated in a yellow armchair. It sold for £14m to a European buyer – the second highest price ever paid for a Cezanne at auction. The Cezanne, and one of only two known self-portraits by Edouard Manet (sold for £11.5m), were part of the private collection of financier John Loeb which made a record-breaking £57.3m.

Stephen Goodwin Stephen Goodwin

Judge condemns 'alcopops'

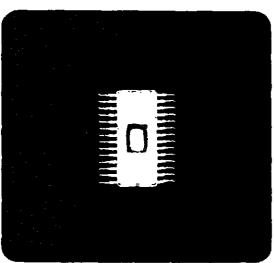
Alcopop makers were condemned as "grossly irresponsible" by a judge yesterday after he heard how a 14-year-old drunken boy burned down a school. Bolton Crown Court was told that the schoolboy caused damage valued at £750,000. It happened after he became drunk on the alcopop Hooch - alcoholic lemonade - and cider. Judge Peter Lakin said: "This case graphically illustrates what can happen to boys consuming alcopop. If this boy had not had alcohol that night this offence would never have occurred." The boy was given a two-year supervision order.

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A Channel 4 spokesman denied Mr Stevenson was leaving because of Mr Jackson's appointment and said the decision had been made before the new chief ex-

packaging before programming, treating the audience simply as categories of consumers".

Channel 4 was at pains yesterday to point out that Mr. Jackson had gone out of his way to praise Euro-trast when he spoke to the press last week.

However a Channel 4 insider confirmed that a third

series of the Cirile Show was unlikely to be commissioned; although no decision will be made until after Mr Jackson takes over from Michael Grade next month. todustry sources believe that Mr Jackson is plan-ing a clear-out of senior Channel 4-executives and rustrient of his own team from the BBC and the 1.4. Thospendent production section. Mike Bolland, a found-suice joining the channel in 1994; Mr Stevenson a mg controller of Channel 4, now head of arts and enter-

youth brienated programmes have provoked outrage tainment at BBC Scotland, has already calledfor a selective cull of staff. Channel 4's director of programmes, John Willis, once Mr Jackson's principal rival for the chief executive's job and who is now rumoured to be considering his future, praised Mr Stevenson yesterday as one

ecutive's appointment was announced.

Mr Jackson argued in a speech last year thairthere had been a "sapping of originally" at Channel 4 as a result of a "pursuit of demographics – in particular, young, lager-drinking, upwardly-mobile men". He pointed to The Girlie Show as an example of "putting"

Indicate the trained with the strike of Britain's most innovative programme makers:

"David has been a breath of fresh air at the channel and Is well liked by his colleagues. He leaves behind a programming legacy that will be difficult to match."

Paul McCann

Chirac has shamed EU says Glenys

Labour Euro-MP Glenys Kinnock (right) yesterday accused the French President, Jacques Chirac, of bringing shame on Europe by leading a trade promotion delega-tion to China.

The four-day official visit involves French business and industry leaders and is seen as a major flag-waving opportunity for France with the Chinese. But Mrs Kinnock said President

Chirac's involvement was "a disgrace", in the wake of the EU's attacks on China's human rights record. She accused the President of

putting commercial interests ahead of humanitarian considerations, adding: "It is a disgrace for all of us who are fighting for human rights and it is a disgrace for

Europe.
"Chirac's trip, surrounded by industrialists, will ruin the efforts of everyone who has worked to detend human rights in China. If we let up pressure now on the Chinese, what future has democracy

"Let us not forget the repression of Tiananmen Square. Mrs Kinnock's attack came just days after the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, outlined the Government's new mission statement on foreign affairs, which declares that



human rights will be placed at the heart of policy. Mrs Kinnock, a member of the

European Parliament's development committee and a fervent human rights campaigner, was supported by the Dutch socialist MEP Hedy d'Ancona, who said: "The Dutch government, which is in the EU presidency, has clearly stated that national and commercial interests must be set aside when dealing with human rights

question.

"I deeply regret the fact that the portant member states has deliberately chosen to ignore this

Lecturers' union suspends leader

The leader of the largest college lecturers' union has been suspended by his own national executive for allegedly failing to carry out his duties.

John Akker, general secretary of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (NATFHE), was suspended on full pay after a key sub-committee passed a unanimous motion of noconfidence in him.

Mr Akker, who has led the union for three years, and still has two years of his contract to run, was told he had until last night to accept an offer of early retirement. Yesterday, he was understood to be considering whether to challenge the committee's actions at a

The official reason given for Mr Akker's suspension is his alleged failure to complete a report on proposals for restructuring within the union, which has suffered a loss of income as substantial redundancles in colleges have led to a fall in membership to below 75,000.

Privately, Mr Akker has told friends he has been caught be-tween the far Left and reformist wings of his traditionally volatile

The Left had hoped he would ead lecturers to victory in a longrunning disupte over pay and con-tracts, while the new Labour faction wanted him to make a deal with college employers.

'Dark Destroyer' victorious in court bout

Former champion boxer Nigel Benn won the most important fight of his life yesterday when he was cleared of viciously attacking a business-man he had once "loved like a

The former World Super-Middleweight Champion, who insisted he was "fitted up" over the unpro-voked assault in a West End night-club, could not hide his relief as he

The 33-year-old dreadlocked "Dark Destroyer", his hands - once insured for £10m - clasped in front of him, swayed slightly then grinned as the crowd of friends and supporters in the packed public gallery at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court shouted "yes!" Benn, wearing a vel-vet-trimmed three-quarter length, chalk-striped designer jacket, then bowed to the jury and thanked them

before leaving the dock at the ernd of the seven-day trial. Within minutes, his ecstatic and tearful fiancée, Caroline, the mother of the couple's seven-month-old twins, had flung herself into his arms. The couple plan to marry on

The six men and six women on the jury, who spent six hours con-sidering the evidence, had first

unanimously cleared millionaire Benn of wounding self-confe former drug-dealer "Rolex Ray" Sul-livan last September with a glass ashtray, with Intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

Then, after being told by the judge that he would accept a majority verdict, they retired once more to consider a second a lesser, alterna-tive charge alleging that Benn un-lawfully wounded the ticket agency boss in the popular Mayfair night

The jurors returned less than 20 minutes later with their second "not guilty" verdict.

Academic distinction means infidelity - to a degree

Does your partner have a PhD2 if the answer is yes, now may be the time to check for lipstick on his collar or mystery names in her address book. According to the Economic and Social Research Council's National Survey of Sexual Attitudes, the best-educated Britons are the most likely to chear on their spouse. More than one in 10 married or cohabiting male graduates has had two or more sexual partners in the past five years, the study says.

Their female counterparts are somewhat more restrained, but are still half as likely to be adulterous.

But while infidelity is flourishing among those with letters after their names, adults who left school with low level or no qualifications are mainly resisting the temptation of an extra-marital fling, according to a new analysis of the sexual attitudes survey, which drew on interviews with nearly 19,000 randomly selected Britons. Only around one in 20 poorly educated men

confessed to being unfaithful.

The research also reveals a sharp fall in the age at which teenagers become sexually active. Forty years ago, the average age was 21 for women and 20 for men - now this has fallen to 17 for both men and women.

TECHNOLOGY

Conversations with Converse

A team of British researchers has won a contest to create a computer program which holds a "conversation" so naturally it is difficult to distinguish it from a human. The creators claim similar systems could eventually replace humans in some jobs, such as counselling. They could even become companions more valued

than pets.
It is the first time a team from the UK has won the annual
It is the first time a team from the UK has won the annual
Loebuer prize, which is awarded to a system which can pass the
Turing Test, in which human judges communicate with computer
terminals and try to decide which is giving answers from a computer program and which from a hidden buman

The judges were so impressed with the quality of reaction they could not tell if the winning program, called Converse, was artificial or

Converse was created by a team from the Natural Language Processing research group, based at the University of Sheffield, led by Professor Yorick Wilks, an expert in artificial intelligence.



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2.5m at risk of mortgage debt

At least 2.5 million people are "at serious risk" of sliding into debt with their mortgage payments if they become sick or unemployed, a report claimed yesterday.

These borrowers could face serious problems because they have no private insurance cover for mortgage payments and because social security support for homeowners has been cut back, it states. Repossessions could rise in the future as a result.

The report is supported by the housing and social policy charity the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and is based on a survey of almost 900 borrowers.

It found that just one in five borrowers had mortgage payment protection insurance, which covers the monthly interest payments if you become sick or lose your job. Three-quarters of the people "at greatest risk" were not insured and could have to wait up to nine months for help with interest payments, said the report.

It looked at the impact of social security changes introduced in October 1995. Borrowers had "little knowledge" of these changes and only 20 per cent of people knew what help they could expect if they become ill or unemployed, said the report by Janet Ford of the Centre for Housing Policy at York University and Elaine Kempson of the Policy Studies Institute Kempson of the Policy Studies Institute.

HEALTH

Airliners may be spreading disease

Jet liners could be unwitting plague carriers, spreading dangerous viruses around the world in their sewage tanks, a US scientist bas warned. A survey of 40 samples of sewage pumped from international aircraft landing at two major American airports found 19 contained viruses that had survived exposure to disinfectant chemicals in the toilet tanks.

Researchers who conducted the study for the World Health Organisation and the US Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said "alien" viruses could be released into the environment in countries in which they did not occur. Aircraft sewage is normally treated in municipal sewage works but conventional treatment only eliminates 90 per cent of viruses.

Mark Sobsey, of the University of North Carolina, who led th study, said bacteria and parasites could be present as well. "We think there is a risk and we should pay more attention to the bazards of international travel." He said the viruses identified could cause stomach upsets, fever and myocarditis, an inflammation of the muscles of the heart.

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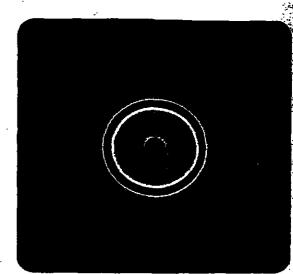


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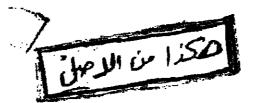


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Sheer is yes, now may be considered social Research of the Pestical Res A new national crime unit is being set up to investigate a series of unsolved and to establish whether serial murderers and

rapists are operating in Britain. The 26 strong Serious Crime Bureau, which has a £1.7m an-unsolved gay murders, missing people where foul play is suspected, and serious sex attacks.

Among the cases likely to be investigated are the murders of: ☐ Rachel Nickell, 23, stabbed to death on Wimbledon Com-

mon, south London, in July 1992 as she walked with her twoyear-old son and their dog. January 1987 on waste ground

Lin Russell and daughter in west London. She had been

Megan, aged six, who were strangled and beaten. beaten to death while walking | Janine Downes, 22, also a near home in Kent last July. ☐ Clare Taltman, 16, sexually attacked and stabbed to death in Kent in 1993,

and bludgeoned to death in Oxfordshire in summer of 1995. ☐ Carolyne Jackson, an antiques dealer, aged 50, blud-geoned to death at home in Buckinghamshire. 🗆 Heroin addict Marina Mon-

concern that a number of multiple rapists and murderers are operating in the UK. The new

tially clothed body was found in gation called Operation Enig-ma, which is examining possible January 1987 on waste ground links between more than 250 unsolved murders of women and prostitute, whose half-naked

killings involving prostitutes. body was found in a hedge The inquiry includes all the near the Wolverhamton to undetected murders of women Teford Road, in February 1991. since January 1992. For cases in-The team is hoping to find volving prostitutes the 30 strong links between the serious crimes Enigma team has gone back ten and help police forces catch seyears. They are using an analyrial offenders. sis technique devised by the The move follows growing Royal Canadian Mounted Po-

lice to identify the crimes of serial killers. But it was revealed yesterday

Bureau will incorporate the that a more wide ranging inquiry findings of an on-going investiis to be established at the National Crime Faculty, in Bramshill, Hampshire.

Information will examined by a number of teams specialising in detective work; crime analysts; statisticians, psycholosts, and sexual offence experts. They will examine different aspects of cases, such as the cause of death and injuries, the victim's background, DNA samples, suspects, and the location of attacks, in an attempt to identify common links. Eventually

year, will build up a vast data-base which it hopes to use to identify suspect multiple killers and serial attackers at an early stage. As well as head-office staff there will be eight regional bureau members who will col-

lect data and help forces with investigations. Detective Chief Superintendent Doug Smith, the head of the Bureau, said: "We will be looking at all sexually orientated murders, including children, stranger rapes, offences of abduction where there is a sexuthe Bureau, which should be opal involvement, and unsolved murders of gay men. We will erational by the end of the

The importance of having greater cross-references and liaisons between forces was ilinstrated in the Yorkshire Ripper inquiry during which Peter Sutcliffe was interviewed nine times before he was iden-

tified as the key suspect. In the case of Frederick and Rosemary West, although the couple were repeatedly questioned by police, they abducted and murdered a number of women before being caught.

The decision to set up a specialist unit to examine serial criminals follows the work of Operation Enigma into killers who prey on women, particularly prostitutes.

The operation's co-ordinator. Jim Dickenson, the Assistant Chief Constable of Essex police, said yesterday that the inquiry was making good progress but would take about three more months before any positive trends could be identified.

Although he refused to speculate on whether there were a number of serial killers operating in the UK, he said: "I think it's probable that we have a person who has committed more than one crime."

Once upon a time there was listen with mother. Now it's read with father

Judith Judd Education Editor

Fathers who do not read with their sons at home may provide a clue to boys' failure to match girls in literacy, according to new

research released yesterday. . An intensive, year-long study from Exinter University of 5- to 11-year-olds suggests that boys struggle with reading partly because of the feminine culture sur-

rounding children in their early years. Most infant-school teachers and parent helpers are female, mothers do most to help with reading at home and many primary schools do not offer boys enough books about sport and adventure, the

study says.

Researchers followed nearly 300 primary children of different abilities from various schools throughout the country for a year and found that the boys were about four or five points behind the girls when they were first tested in reading at the age of six. The gap on a test where the average was 100 was still the same for 11-year-olds.

However, the research - part of the Leverhulme Primary Improvement Project - found that some boys did improve, particularly if they had supportive fathers or grandfathers and if their teachers tried to tailor reading matter to their interests.

In general, boys were given less help at home than girls. Mothers were much more likely to read with them than fathers. About three-quarters of five- to seven-year-olds' mothers read with their children compared with half the fathers, and between the ages of seven and eleven the figure for fathers was down to one-quarter, although balf the mothers still read regularly with their

Professor Ted Wragg of Exeter Univer-sity's department of education, who directed the project, said: "One of the most significant findings of the study is the role of mothers in teaching reading. If there is a problem with boys, it is obvious that fathers have got to get more involved."

One argument often used to explain why girls outperform boys - that boys mature later - was not the point, he said. There are teachers and parents who do work with boys and they do make a difference. Just because boys start behind girls does not mean that they have to stay there, Profes-·sor Wragg said.

Reasons for boys' underachievement were complicated but certainly included pessimism about employment prospects. which filtered down even into primary schools. Girls were not cleverer than boys, he added. In 1983/4 the gap between the number of boys and girls who obtained five high grades at 16-plus (O-level) was less than I per cent but by 1995/6 girls had drawn ahead by nearly 10

Teachers questioned in the study said that boys lagged behind girls not only in literacy but also in their ability to concentrate, determination in the face of difficulties, productivity, self-esteem and

In the Times Educational Supplement Greenwich lecture in London last night, Professor Wragg argued that boys underachievement was one of the main challenges facing the Labour government. Urgent action was needed, he said, because in the 21st century there would be fewer jobs than ever for those with little knowledge and poor so-

Professor Wragg put forward a 10-point plan, which including encouraging more fathers to help at home so that reading was not seen as a purely female activity, appealing to boys' interests, ensuring that boys attended nurseries so that they could make an early start on language activities and learn how to behave in class, and identifying potential underachievers in both primary and secondary schools.



Story time: Girls gain an early advantage in literacy but boys could do better if their fathers read with them more, researchers say

The gender gap

Five or more GCSE grades at A-C

English GCSE grades at A-C: boys 46.9 per cent; girls 64.4 per cent. Design and technology GCSE grades at A-C: boys 33.1 per cent; girls 48.6 per cent.

1994/5: boys 7,191; girls 1,663. Exclusions from primary school: boys 1,177; girls 91.

per cent.

Exclusions from secondary school

Full-time undergraduates 1995/96: males 453,600; females 470,500. Figures for England and Wales

Doctors demand tighter laws on surrogacy

Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

Doctors yesterday called for the law on surrogacy to be tightened.

particularly concerning mos. ey paid as expenses - after as mother revealed she had not, af-ter all, aborted a child she was carrying for a Dutch couple. Karen Roche was said to

have panicked about Clemens and Sonja Peeters' commitment to the baby, and falsely claimed she had had an abortion to break the contract with them. She and her husband now intend to bring up the child as their own. Kim Cotton, Britain's first

commercial surrogate mother and founder of the surrogacy agency Cots, which introduced them, said that she was delighted the abortion had not taken place but said she had "grave concerns" over the Peeters' conduct during the pregnancy for which they were paying Mrs Roche £12,000 expenses. She added that there was no way she could make Mrs Roche

hand over the baby. Dr Bill O'Neill, ethics and science adviser to the British Medical Association, said the case demonstrated "a need for greater monitoring and per-

haps, in time, regulation.

Baroness Warnock who chaired the Human Fertilisation committee which looked at surrogacy in the 1980s said that she felt the practice of surrogacy was exceptionally dubious. "If it was



Unhappy alliance: Karen Roche (left) and Sonja Peeters

to act as a surrogate mother or sulting in 200 surrogate babies select a surrogate mother, she - is unable to enforce any deals. told the BBC Radio's World at One, and she urged the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority to use it as a test case in order to make recommendations for future legislation.

recognised surrogacy agencies in Britain, the better-known of which is Cots (Childlessness Overcome Through Surrogacy), set up in 1988 by Mrs Cotton.

It is a non profit-making organisation staffed completely by volunteers. Women are usually paid around £10,000 expenses for carrying the baby - to include lost earnings and maternity wear. Although it offers guidelines, the agency - which is said exceptionally currous to have made introductions returned by the couple is implanted in the

While Mrs Roche's case demonstrates the problems with the way surrogacy is managed, it also bighlights the difficulties of regulation. As Ruth Deech, chairman of the HFEA points There are currently two out short of installing a "policeman in every bedroom" there is no way the law can stop a man donating sperm and a woman inseminating herself to carry a child for another. She said it might be time to to look again at the 1985 Act to define more

closely "legitimate" expenses. Peter Brinsden, medical director of Bourn Hall, which has carried out the largest series of IVF surrogacies in Europe [in which an embryo provided by

emphasis should be to combat commercialism. And he called for tighter regulation so that sur-rogacy could be carried out under the aegis of licensed clinics. A spokesman for the De-

partment of Health said serious consideration would be given to any concerns or suggestions. The storm over surrogacy broke in 1985 when Mrs Cotton was revealed as Britain's first commercial surrogate. The subsequent Surrogacy Arrangements Act banned advertising for surrogates or payment for surrogacy beyond reasonable expenses. The BMA initially advised doctors not to get involved in surrogacy arrangements but last year endorsed it as an acceptable treatment for infertility. The first surrogate birth on the NHS - Jack Wells - took place just over a year-ago.

In other countries the situation varies, but most countries still prohibit it. In the Netherlands - the Peeters' home - it is illegal. In Israel, while commercial surrogacy is illegal, a public committee made up of two doctors, a clinical psychologist, a lawyer, a social worker and a clergyman supervises any appeal for surrogacy and it is a criminal act to make an arrangement without

the committee's permission. The US has gone furthest. Although laws differ from state to state, in some it is fully recognised and a mother can be forced to hand over the baby if

she has signed a contract.

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Film-makers reeling over Lottery cash

Cannes

Britain's biggest Lottery award yet will set up three new minifilm studios. But the an-nouncement of the £92m hand-

would receive money. But the Parfitt, producer of The Madness Arts Council announced that of King George.

only three met the criterias Asked whether it was proportionally of the Council announced that of the Council Section 1. the council's film panel, re- money to help finance Pathé fused to say why the 34 losers productions, which has a strong did not meet his criteria, which

He said only that he was looking at track records, business sense, commitment and enthusiasm. The three winners are Pathé Productions, an alliance of six British producers responsible for films like Gandhi and Dangerous Liaisons with the French film company, receiving £33m; The Film Consortium (£30m), four production companies responsible for films like Land and Freedom and The Crying Game in association with Virgin Cinemas and including

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Woolley and Nik Powell; and DNA Film Limited (£29m), a company formed by Duncan Kenworthy, producer of Four Weddings and a Funeral, and Andrew Macdonald, producer of

out left disappointment and Trainspotting.

anger amongst some of the Among consortia rejected biggest names in British films by the Arts Council were committed, and it was expected up. Rocket Pictures, and producers applied, and it was expected up. Rocket Pictures, and producers the production of t

French interest. Mr Denton replied that all applicants had guaranteed that profits would be ploughed back into British

At a bad-tempered press conference, Alexander Walker, film critic of the London Evening Standard and a former governor of the British Film Inner, The Film Consortium, included the people who ran Palace Pictures, which went into receivership five years ago. Mr Denton responded that

Andrew Curtis, chairman of

The New Producers Alliance, representing 200 British producers, said he was appalled that Chris Smith, Secretary of State for National Heritage, and the Arts Council had come to Cannes "to divide the British film industry on the world

George Faber, former head of BBC Films and head of a losing consortium which included BBC Films, had planned to make films with leading British actors based on books by prizewinning British novelists.

He said: "The brief for the application was unbelievably vague. None of the applicants has been interviewed, which surprises me.".
The franchises are expected

to produce over 90 British films in six years. Mr Smith said: "As the Oscars showed, the British excel in products which depend on originality and inno-

"But just 10 per cent of all British cinema attendances are for British films. I hope that we can double that. We will be talking to distributors and fran-chisees."

Reflecting the times: Roger Newstead of Mobil holding the company's Economy Trophy, which dates from the Sixties, one of the artefacts in the Mobil Oil Co archive which yesterday officially arrived at the Brooklands Museum in Weybridge, Surrey

Arts Minister acts on Royal Opera crisis

chief executive, Genista McIntosh, resigned on Tuesday after four months in the job, writes

Chris Smith, Secretary of

government and Lottery money. His department has no direct control over the ROH but, as a provider of funds through the Arts Council, has a strong

The Government has called a £214m redevelopment of the crisis meeting on the future of ROH in site Covent Garden, the Royal Opera House after its London, is making best use of ... redevelopment. Mr Fisher has called for an urgent meeting with Lord Gowrie." Lord Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council, has said the plans for the Royal Opera and Royal Bal-let during the redevelopment, drawn up by Ms McIntosh's pre-

were "a shambles". Both companies risk home-

lessness after plans for a tem-porary "bubble" structure next to Tower Bridge fell through and the Royal Albert Hall declined to host a ballet season. Ms McIntosh left because of "ill-health and stress", the ROH

newspaper she was relishing her new job. Yesterday she said the decision to leave "was mine alone" and there had been no disagreements with the ROH chairman, Lord Chadlington, from whom she had received -enormous support and en-



Heart case woman set to win £500,000 over unwanted baby

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

A judge pushed out the bound-aries of the law of medical negligence yesterday as he upheld a woman's claim that she would not have borne a child had she been correctly told that she had a heart condition.

ter by emergency Caesarean in November 1989 shortly after being told she had pulmonary hypertension, which is made worse by pregnancy.

Mr Justice Astill ruled that

the woman, who he said should not be named, was entitled to damages against Croydon Health Authority in south London after a hospital radiologist failed to correctly interpret a chest X-ray that she had in November 1988, five months before she became pregnant.

The authority accepted that the reading of the X-ray, which was part of the selection process for a new job, was negligent in that the radiologist had passed the woman as fit when the problem should have been

But the authority argued that

the woman's pregnancy was not a direct or foreseeable consequence of the negligence. Mr Justice Astill said, how-

ever; "Although she was very much wanted at conception, the child would not have been born had a proper diagnosis been "She became an 'unwanted'

pendence. ately that it would appeal, and

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British judges are cautious about extending the limits of what is "reasonably foreseeable" for fear of encouraging a United States-style litigation explo-

"Pregnancy is likely to have such devastating consequences for a

The former nurse, who is set child only when the plaintiff

to receive up to £500,000 in knew she could not be a normal expectancy to see her to inde-The authority said immedi-

the ruling was quizzically received by some expert medical negligence lawyers.
It is the latest in a line of cas-

nancy has been treated as an "injury", but the earlier decisions have involved mistakes relating directly to the reproductive process, such as negligent obstetric or gynaecological treatment, or failed sterilisations and vasectomies.

But Mr Justice Astill said:

woman suffering from this that it should have been at the forefront of the mind of a compe-

tent radiologist." The case is thought to be the first in which damages will be awarded to cover the cost of bringing up a child who was wanted and planned at conception, but "unwanted" at

The judge said that the woman suffered a pulmonary embolism 37 weeks into her pregnancy and later spent time in hospital away from her newly-born daughter.

Even though she was likely to live 20 years from diagnosis, the woman would never work again because of severe reactive depression and she and her husband were now contem-

plating divorce. "I don't accept she would have suffered in the same way if the diagnosis was made at the proper time," the judge said.

Damages covering pain and suffering, loss of earnings, the costs of raising the child and pregnancy expenses will be ssessed at a later date unless the decision is successfully chal-

Nurses' dirty hands put patients at risk

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Nurses who fail to wash their hands are contributing to the spread of bugs in hospitals which infect more than 60,000 patients a year, government scientists say.

Poor hygiene and the overuse of invasive devices - tubes inserted into patients to give or remove fluids – are the major auses of the infections, which include septicaemia (blood poisoning) and pneumonia, according to a study. One in ten in-patients at any one time has been infected while in hospital and there is a twentyfold variation in infection rates among hospitals.

Professor Alan Glynn, former irector of the Central Public Health Laboratory and chief au-thor of the study funded by the health department, said that hospital staff tended to wash their hands after intimate contact with patients' bodies rather than before. It was the most gravely ill patients who were at greatest risk but studies in the United States suggested that one-third of infections could be prevented with better controls. "Hospital-acquired infections

have been worrying health pro-fessionals for many years and are now worrying patients and the public as well. They not only cause increased suffering and more serious illness but infected patients stay longer in hospital, affecting waiting lists and diverting resources which could be better spent elsewhere." Professor Glynn said.

The three-year study conducted in 19 hospitals found that overall, 2.7 patients out of every 100 picked up an infection fol-lowing admission. Those most at risk were patients with an invasive device inserted - such as a catheter to drain the bladder or a central line to a major blood vessel - who were seven times more likely to get an infection.

The study did not include infections of surgical wounds which the researchers estimate would double the rate, suggesting that more than 100,000 patients a year are infected. In intensive-care units almost one in five patients picks up a bug while in hospital, including those with infected surgical

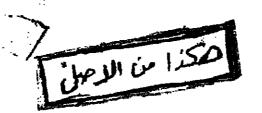
Valerie Ward, senior nurse at the Public Health Laboratory Service and one of the study authors, said hospitals had infec-

tion control policies but half the staff were ignorant of them. "A lot of policies say when staff should wash their hands but the number of times hands are washed is not as high as it

should be," she said. Infection rates varied more than twentyfold among different hospitals in gynaecology patients who had a catheter inserted to drain the bladder, a common practice after a hysterectomy. Ms Ward said poor

hygiene was likely to be "a large part" of the explanation. Patients who had a device such as a catheter inserted were three times as likely to acquire an infection, yet one hospital catheterised 20 per cent of patients and another 75 per cent. Ms Ward said: "That is an immense difference. Hospitals may need to review their clini-cal practice in relation to the use of these devices."

Professor Peter Borriello head of the Central Public Health Laboratory, said that guidelines were useless unless they were enforced. "One of the most important preventive mea-sures you can take is washing your hands. But it has to be policed. People only adhere to it



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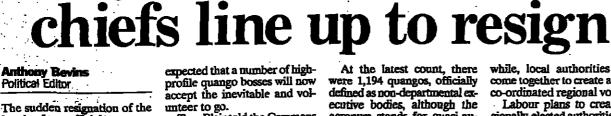
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Tony Blair told the Commons at the start of the Queen's Speech debate on Wednesday: "A Britain that is young of mind and confident of its future must change a situation in which unelected quangos spend more money than elected local

government." Citing the power of quangos new Scottish Secretary, Donald and foreign donations to the Conservative Party as examples of political sleaze, the Prime Minister warned: "We will clean Lord MacLaurin, the former Tesco chairman, resigned as up politics and restore faith in chairman of the Sports Council earlier this week, and it is now our public life."

profile quango bosses will now were 1,194 quangos, officially come together to create a more defined as non-departmental executive bodies, although the acronym stands for quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisations, with an overall

government-funded budget of almost £18bn in 1996. The Labour manifesto said local decision-making should be less constrained by central government and more accountable to local people - which

quangos are not.
It also said: "The Conservatives have created a tier of regional government in England through quangos and government regional offices. Mean-

At the latest count, there while, local authorities have

co-ordinated regional voice." Labour plans to create re-gionally-elected authorities that would take over the co-ordination of transport, planning, economic development, land-use planning and bids for European

Although John Redwood, one of the contenders for the the Tory leadership, said on Tuesday that he opposed the creation of English regional development bodies, he also said: "The Government should bring forward a Bill to transfer powers and money from quangos to local government

Prescott's ministries seek common ground

Christian Wolmar and Randeep Ramesh

Civil servants at the Department of Transport are becoming concerned that their ministry will be engulfed by the larger and more powerful Environment Department under the new arrangements created by the Labour Government

In the first attempt to work out priorities and ways of working together, ministers and senior officials from both departments are meeting all day today at Chevening, the weekend residence now used jointly by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Robin Cook, the foreign secretary.

The meeting will be the first

chance for the two departments working which Mr Prescott is very keen to encourage.

However, sources in the two departments suggest there is more support within the Environment Department for strong inks, which might lead to an eventual merger. A senior source said: "The problem is getting both to sing from the same hvmn sheet. Transport has bruised egos at the moment as they are worried they may be engulfed by Environment, which

ploys 1,800 civil servants centrally, the Department of the Environment has about 50 per cent more staff and a much wider range of responsibilities. Moreover, the Department of Transport has no legislative programme set out in the Queen's



Environment and Transport

Speech, while there are three environment Bills concerned with council housing sales receipts, mayor for London and regional development agencies.

The only hope of transport legislation was a short Bill to strengthen regulatory powers

and to create a strategic rail au-

thority, but this was rejected in

Indeed, while Transport em- favour of producing a White Paper on the issue. A Transport source said: "One problem was that Environment had the job of putting up bids for the Bills for both departments and obviously ours got a lower priority."

The one remaining hope of transport legislation is the pri-vatisation of the National Air Traffic Services, which became an election issue and remains very much on the agenda, provided that ministers can be assured there is no safety risk.

Civil servants are also worried about the strange ministerial structure created by the Government which leaves both departments unhappy.
While Mr Prescott is the

Secretary of State for both departments, in the Department of Transport he has Gavin Strang, who is also a Cabinet minister. However, while Environment has no other Cabinet minister, it has Michael Meacher and four other junior department ministers, compared with only Glenda Jackson and Lady Hayman in Transport.

An Environment source said: 'We don't really understand why they have done this. We need someone in the Cabinet. while Transport needs more bodies to help Glenda with

UK sets out on the road to devolution

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

The "landmark" Bill on Scottish and Weish devolution was published yesterday, paving the way for the two referendums to be held by autumn.

They will be held before the main Bills, establishing the Scottish parliament and the Welsh assembly, are passed by Parliament. The Scottish Secretary. Donald Dewar, said devolution was "on the road".

Voters in Scotland will be asked two questions: whether they agree to a Scottish parliament and, on a second ballot form, whether they believe it should have tax-varying powers. Ministers have tried to avoid

mistakes made a decade ago, when voters were asked to write ves" or "no" on the ballot forms. This time, to reduce spoiled papers, they will be asked to put a "X" in a box.

Tam Dalyell, an opponent of Scottish devolution, said he campaign against them could The six-clause Referendum tion reference would vote "no" and "yes". face disciplinary action, in- Bill will be followed by a white Salmond.

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

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heads of two official quangos

is expected to mark the start of

a war of attrition between the

Government and the semi-of-

ficial bodies that became an in-

It was revealed yesterday that

strument of Tory ministers.

Sir Donald McKay had resigned as chairman of Scottish Enter-

prise after a meeting with the

Ministers will be urging Scots to vote "yes" to both the establishment of a parliament and giving it tax-raising powers.

The Government has ruled out spending taxpayers' money on the campaign for a "yes" vote but the Welsh Office is considering issuing explanatory leaflets to every household and that may be followed in Scot-land. Ministers are expecting plain sailing in the Commons on the Referendum Bill, with the backing of an overwhelming majority, but are bracing themselves for trouble later over the Scottish and Welsh Bills, putting the referendums into effect.

Ron Davies, Secretary of State for Wales, told Labour MPs that they would be in breach of party rules if they turn a blind eye to Labour plans, but MPs who openly cluding the removal of the whip. The Labour Party has a very clear position on this matter, endorsed by a ballot of individual members, endorsed by Labour Party conference, included in the manifesto, and en-

Learning process: Tony Blair and his wife Cherie on a visit to Sudbourne primary school in south-west London yesterday Photograph: David Rose

dorsed by the public. "It is a matter of government policy and I expect all Members of Parliament in Wales to recognise our determination to create a Welsh assembly. I do not believe it is appropriate for any Labour Member of Parliament who took any course of action which would include associating with others in opposition to our campaign or to be campaigning on their own behalf against our proposals,"

said Mr Davies. Voters in Wales will have a MPs who privately oppose the it tax-raising powers, there will be no second-ballot question.

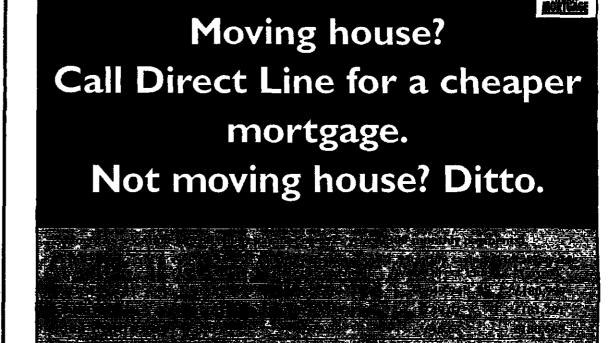
Tory-appointed quango

paper setting out detailed plans for the Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly. It provides for up to £25m to be spent on the Scottish parliament in startup costs and £15m on a Welsh

Scottish ministers also warned the Tories not to use their in-built majority in the House of Lords to block the Bills, to frustrate the will of the House of Commons.

The SNP leader, Alex Salmond, called for a proper consultative referendum, including the independence option, which the Government rejected. "Labour in government risk showing the same arrogance and contempt for Scottish opinion as the Tories. This is an unfortunate retreat openly campaigned against a single ballot paper, asking them from the principled position "yes" vote in the referendum. whether they agree that there adopted by Donald Dewar The Labour leadership will should be a Welsh assembly, or when he addressed the STUC not. As it is not proposed to give conference in Dundee just afpublicly supported a multi-op

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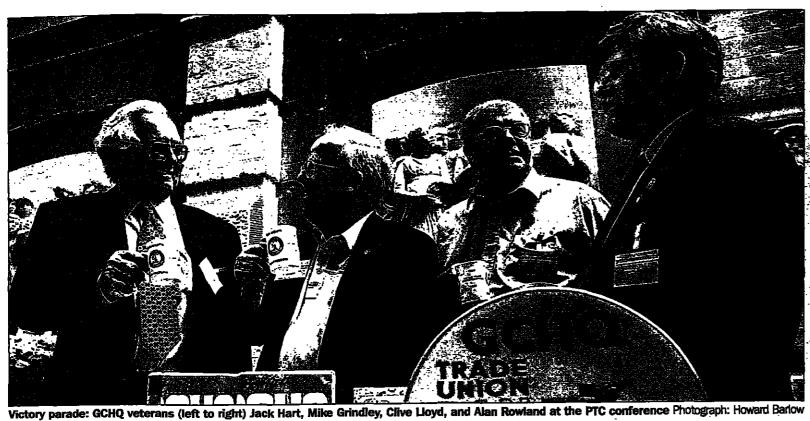
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Union crusade rewarded as Cook lifts GCHQ ban



Barrie Clement Labour Editor

After a 13-year crusade by the labour movement and civil rights groups, the Government yesterday told staff at the GCHQ spy centre that they were once more free to join independent unions.

Announcing the end of the mion ban, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, also sig-nalled the beginning of talks to ensure that agreement could be reached with unions to prevent disruption at the complex.

While trade unionists will be keen to ensure that the for-mula is not a simple "no-strike deal" - anathema to most orthodox trade unionists - Mr Cook will be anxious to reach an accord to prevent any interruption of essential operations.

The news was greeted by prolonged cheers yesterday at the annual conference of the PTC civil service union in Blackpool, attended by some of the 14 workers who had been dismissed for refusing to give up their union membership.

As part of the impending negotiations there will also be the

the "refuseniks", some of whom nouncement, but still felt overhave been out of work for more than a decade. Those who stayed at the centre, but rejoined the union, are seeking recognition of the fact that they were deprived of pay increases and "fined" £2,000 over two years for

their recalcitrance.

In a statement, the Foreign Secretary said the decision to reintroduce trade unionism was part of the Government's commitment to "open and fair" relations at work and that it would "right a long-standing

wrong".
All the refuseniks below normal retirement age will now be free to apply for jobs at the Cheltenham-based complex. Each case would be treated "sympa-thetically", Mr Cook said. The Foreign Secretary de-clared: "GCHQ staff make a

valuable contribution to protecting the liberties and freedom of our country. Today's move enables them to share fully in one of the important liberties that they defend."

John Monks, TUC general

secretary, said the the ban had been a blot on Britain's reputation for democracy and human rights. "The previous government's belief that free rade unionism compromised national security was always an mjustified shur against the trade union movement and GCHQ staff in particular."

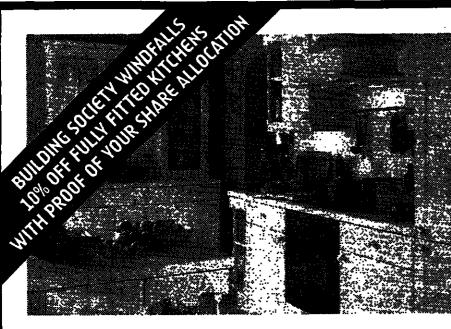
thorny issue of compensation for they had been expecting the anwhelmed: "Labour has kept its promise and I can't wait to walk through the gates again after spending so much time fighting

to get my job back."
Baroness Thatcher, the then Prime Minister, introduced the prohibition in 1984 after civil service pay strikes spread to the centre in the early 1980s. The National Security Agency of the USA expressed concern about the industrial action and Sit Brian Tovey, director of GCHO between 1978 and 1983, asked for the ban. Sir John Nott, who was defence secretary in 1984 said however, that the industrial action had "not in any way af-fected operational capability".

In his statement yesterday, Mr Cook said the present rules which outlawed industrial action would remain in place until a new deal could be completed.

"Talks with unions will begin as soon as possible to settle future arrangements for staff rep resentation and to secure a collective agreement on no dis-ruption to the work of GCHQ which will ensure that GCHQ's operations are protected from any threat of industrial action."

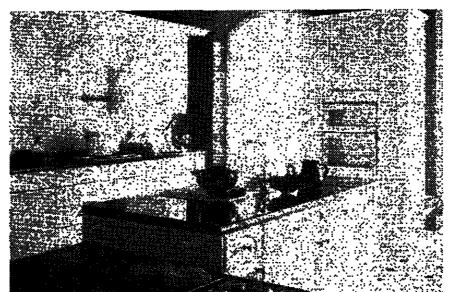
About 45 per cent of staff at GCHQ have joined the Government Communications Staff Federation, which has been refused a certificate as a bona fide union by the official Certification Officer. The federation Clive Lloyd, 56, a former however is now expected to communications officer, said merge with the PTC union.





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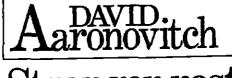
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Stranger rests in a strange land

trouser suit and recently polished shoes, that she was probably a sixth former from a provincial comprehensive, come to town for her interview at a London college.

Clearly, the experience had not been too bad - only moderately traumatic - and finding herself with a few hours to kill before the early evening train, she had decided to do

a little sightseeing. She had done the Abbey, goggling at the names from EngLit A level now memorialised in Poet's Corner; marvelled at the stillness of the velled at the stillness of the ing men with humorous Whitehall: mingled with the Japanese tourists in St James'

Tired, and in need of a sit-down before making her way back to Euston station, she looked around for a restroom, and discovered - strategically placed by some benign part of the English Tourist Board - a large chamber in which other exhausted visitors already reclined on slightly uncomfortable green leather

benches. Unfortunately she had fin-ished *Jude the Obscure* on the journey down, and now had nothing to divert her. So she sat - her pale youthful face framed by bangs of red hair - gazing at the activity around her, her small blue eyes occasionally blinking beneath her large spectacles.

This woman to her right (with an improbable flying buttress of blonde hair on the top of her head) was addressed by everyone as the "Leader of the House".

The Leader obviously had a high boredom threshold, for one after the other – most of the men from the benches opposite would get up and ask exactly the same question. This one endlessly repeated

The young woman sat on the front bench nearest the door. query concerned something called "Prime Minister's An outsider would have Questions", which had apguessed her to be in her late parently been changed with-teens—and might have judged out these men being from her neat blue-green consulted. As far as she could could tell, they had no particular objection to the change itself (in fact they had nothing to say on the subject whatsoever), but they were unhappy that no-one had asked them for their views -

if indeed they had any. ... On her side a man called Robin Corbett - dressed like her Uncle Roger (a sixties nostalgist, who had a funny idea of what "young people" wore and listened to) in a truly naff there were and how lonely they must be. She felt that this was a bit rude, but that they deserved it.

This went on for ages. She

yawned, smiled at a middle aged man who had given her a sympathetic frown, and amused herself by trying to imagine the occupations of some of the folk around her. What, for instance, could possibly be the job of the strange man with the ill-fitting yellow wig, strangely orange skin and childlike expression, who seemed perpetually agitated? Who would employ someone like that? A charity, perhaps? And what could account for the peculiar language used in this room - why was this chap an "honourable gentleman", while that one was "my honourable and learned friend"?

A slightly washed-out man was now speaking in a dry monotone, employing phrases that were wearyingly familiar from recent news broadcasts. It was as though, she thought, he was stuck in the recent past doomed to repeat these words for ever and ever. And why did everybody call him "Lily"? This place was a puzzle, and no mistake. She looked at her watch. It was time to go home.

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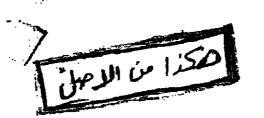
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Howard upstaged in bid for the helm

Michael Howard faces being up-staged by Ann Widdecombe in what was to be his showcase to convince Tory MPs that he is the one man tough enough to take on Tony Blair.

The former home secretary, say his supporters, was hoping to use the Queen's Speech law and order debate on Monday to score against Jack Straw and gather votes for his leadership

But Ann Widdecombe declared yesterday that she would use the debate to present details which will allegedly prove that Mr Howard misled the House of Commons over the sacking of the director general of the prison service, Derek Lewis. She embarked on this action after the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, refused her request to make a personal statement and also for an adjournment debate.

Mr Howard's position was further undermined when he came under attack from a second former Home Office minister, Sir Peter Lloyd. "Ann Widdecombe is a decent person," he said, "and I am sure she is following her conscience in what she is doing.

"I do not want to go into matters of character regarding Michael Howard, but I do think he was totally wrong in his ac-tions regarding Derek Lewis. He should have congratulated Mr Lewis in the job he had done, instead of sacking him. What he did was totally unjust."

Mr Howard was expected to open the debate on Monday. debate in order to reply fully to Wiss Widdecombe's charges.

The former prisons minister said she was so certain of her facts about Mr Howard's behaviour that she would be prepared to repeat her speech outside the Commons with no protection from a libel writ.

Miss Widdecombe believes that Mr Howard knows the strength of the documentation she has access to, and will be carrying out a "semantical damlimitations exercise".

In an article in the Spectator magazine yesterday Mr Howard described Ann Widdecombe as a "good prisons minister with whom I agreed on most terms". But he added "She might like I misled MPs, that the civil servants whose duty it is to draw to the attention of ministers any statement in the House which may have been misleading did not do so - for the very good reason that I did not mislead". Miss Widdecombe, in resp-

onse, asked Mr Howard whether he had on one occasion corrected a misleading statement he made to MPs. In January 1995, at a Home Affairs Select Committee hearing, Gerry Bermingham asked Mr Howard whether the lack of geophones (an alarm mechanism) at Parkhurst Prison was due to money having to be diverted to house the expanding

inmate population.

Mr Howard responded that was not the case. He was advised later by civil servants this was not the case. Miss Widdecombe said: "I want him to say whether he ever corrected the misleading statement he had made to MPs."



The party is over as Major's club closes

As John Major confronted his party's general election defeat, he could at least console himself with the strength of Conservative support in his own Huntingdon constituency. Not any more.

He retained the seat by more than 18,000 votes, the largest Tory majority in the country. But so apathetic are party members in his own backyard that his local watering hole, the Huntingdon Conservative Chib, is to close due to lack of support.

The club has been a meeting place for grassroots Tories for the past 27 years. Mr Major celebrated his 1992 election victory there, and he often pops in for a pint during weekends in the constituency. But while he may have remained loyal, membership has dropped from 2,000 at its height to less than 500.

"There is a hard core of 50 to 80 regulars, but it's not enough," said Roger Juggins, chairman and founder of the club, yesterday. "We've tried everything to keep it open. We even had a clay pigeon shoot the other night."

The club is located in a converted Victorian house and shared premises until 1989 with the Huntingdon Conservative Association. It has a signed photograph of Mr Major hanging in the hall. But since the association moved out, the club has lurched from one financial crisis to

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Robert Colvill was too polite to mention knickers at yesterday's European Union round table on the practicalities of introducing the single currency. But, he warned European Commission planners, the project will stand or fall on how well they educate customers like his.

Chancellor Gordon Brown can sit on the sidelines repeating the mantra "wait and see", but Britain's retail bosses, convinced that the single currency is happening, and that Britain will have to join later if not sooner, they are already co-operat-

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As far as the big stores are concerned, this is where debate should be focused. "We can handle the mechanics of the transition. Much more substantial a problem is bow to preserve consumers' trust. Many people will be extremely con-

fused," said Mr Colvill. At Selfridges they are already considering sashes with "euro" printed on them for a specially trained member of staff on each floor.



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untary professional headship courses, the National Associa-tion of Head Teachers (NAHT)

warned that potential heads

should not be expected to dip into their own pockets or their schools' reserves to fund

There was also a danger that introducing a compulsory rig-orous qualification could wors-

en existing problems in

recruiting heads in some parts

of the country, the NAHT said.

Department for Education

and Employment sources yes-terday said issues of funding the new qualification would be part of a consultation being carried out over the summer before the

publication of an education

Under the proposed legislation, all prospective heads would be expected to achieve

the qualification in order to be appointed a school leader.

during a visit to a primary school in Brixton, south Lon-don, the Prime Minister Tony

Blair insisted that boosting

ment skills was essential if school standards were to rise.

He said: "I have never found

a good school with a bad

leadership they need. That is why today we take the impor-

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"In the future, no one will be

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our children get the education

David Hart, the NAHT gen-

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But he warned that £30m

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Outlining the plans yesterday

Bill in the autumn.

mandatory training.

Parking, ironing, surfing the Net: lessons in life for the adults

Esther Leach

Hour-long training courses are being launched to help banish some of the little difficulties that can turn everyday life into torment - such as how to iron a shirt or politely cut short a

A week of the courses is being offered by colleges and companies in North Yorkshire in an effort to tempt people back into training and further education.

Dorothy Pearce, 66, is taking a course to help her crack the art of parking a car. She said: "I'm an embarrassment to myself and a laughing stock to other people because I don't know how to park. I never park in a city cen-



tre or if it is busy because it would be at the expense of another car. I'll drive out to quieter area and walk back into town rather than try to get into what looks like a

'My husband tried to teach

ed our marriage. I don't know what the problem is. I passed my driving test first time but I was never taught how to park. "It is hugely frustrating and

not at all practical so when I saw

courses I signed up."
The North Yorkshire Training and Enterprise Council, which is co-ordinating the project, asked more than 1,000

things they could not do which really frustrated them.

The suggestions came pouring in. A group of young men who had just left home wanted to know how to iron a shirt; staff at people what little everyday a local college were baffled by the

art of politely cutting short a conversation; other respondents wanted to learn how to choose the right wines for a dinner party, write a winning curriculum vitae, put on eye make-up, trim their own fringe when they had no time to go to hairdresser, and

surf the Internet.

Lucy Adams of North Yorkshire Tech said that the idea was
aimed at easing people back
into education and training.
The courses are free, and the teaching expertise is all volun-tary. She added: "We want people to learn something relevant to their daily lives in an hour. The idea is to encourage people who would not normally hink they are interested or capable of doing qualifications.

"Some employers have signed up to offer training in the hope that it will motivate some staff who are worried about usng computers or learning new skills and show them that these

days learning is easy and fun." Paula Lonsdale of the British School of Motoring, which is helping Mrs Pearce learn to park, added: "Our idea is to lay the foundations for drivers to become an expert at this manoeu-vre. If all motorists were able to park quickly and safety it would save everyone time and grief and lead to less congestion and fewer accidents on our roads."

Organisations taking part in in June include Darlington Col-lege, Craven College, Playford Ross Wine Shippers, North Yorkshire County Library and North Yorkshire Careers Guidance Services. And others are still being signed up.

training cover the costs of a potential 10,000 candidates taking the 3,000 courses. He said: "Can-A planned compulsory qualifi-cation for aspiring headteach-ers must be backed up with £30m government funding each year to prove workable, heads' leaders claimed yesterday. didates must have the right of access to these courses, asking them to pay would be rather like asking somebody who wants to be promoted from colonel to brigadier to put their hand in On the day that applications were invited for the first voltheir pocket to go through staff

college."
Meanwhile, the first adver-tisements were placed yesterday for the new National Professional Qualification for Headteachers - the qualification proposed by the last government as a voluntary requirement for all heads in order to raise stan-

dards of leadership in schools. Although Labour intends to



David Hart: 'Candidates

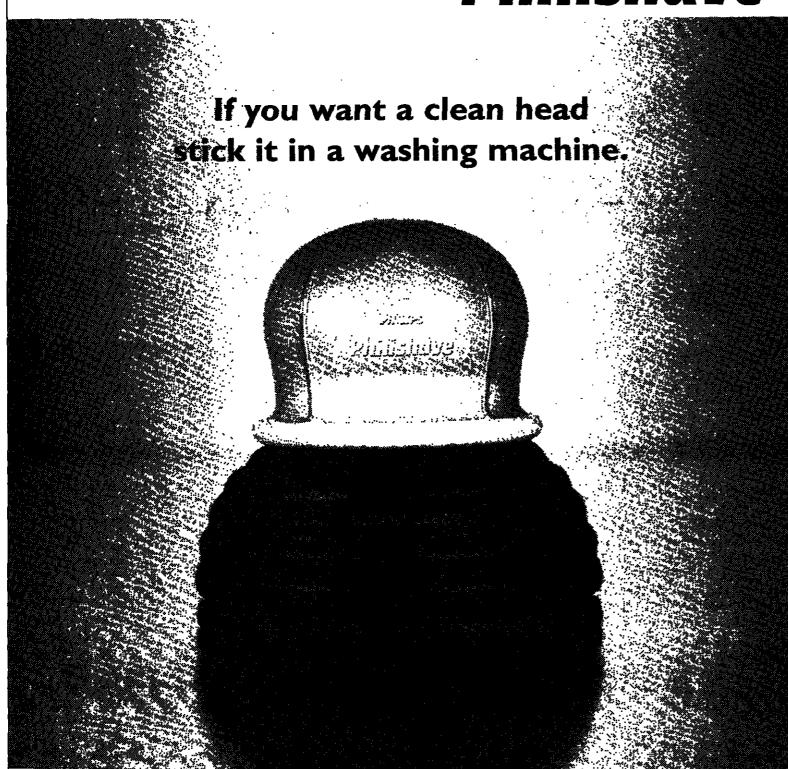
make formal training comput-sory. Department for Education and Employment sources said ministers saw no reason why the NPQH, developed by the Teacher Training Agency (TTA), should not form the foundation for the mandatory version.

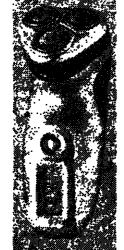
headteacher. There are too many schools without the strong Work towards the new qualification would depend on the experience levels of aspiring heads, most of whom are expected to be serving deputy headteachers. The TTA expects that some will qualify in a year. but others may take up to three: years to complete their training.

NPQH training will include one compulsory module, teaching potential heads to developan "educational vision committed to raising standards" translating that vision in practice and how to monit school effectiveness. The com pulsory module will also cov accountability to governors a parents for the efficiency effectiveness of a school

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Westminster Correspondent

The future of the millennium project, at present under review by the Government, is being eopardised by a row between the organisers and the main

Imagination, the company brought in to produce designs for the exhibits, rides and shows under the dome on the exhibition site in Greenwich, south-east London, has been "suspended" by Jenny Page, the chief execu-tive of Millennium Central, the exhibition organisers, according to senior Labour sources.

Ms Page is now talking to other designers about taking on the project, though this is seen as very much a last resort.

Millennium Central, which is getting up to £400m of lottery funds to pay for the exhibition and other millennium celebrations, has become increasingly concerned about Imagination's failure to remain within budget.
In a joint statement last night, Millennium Central and Imag-

ination said that Imagination had asked to "stand back" from the project at the end of the three month consultancy in

vovement will be determined by Imagination in response to spe-cific briefs issued by MCL. Imagination has advised MCL that it would be pleased to re-spond to any further briefs."

Paul Mackay, Imagination's project director, emphasised that its contract had only been short term.

However. The Independent has learnt that there have been a series of disagreements between Imagination and Millennium Central over the work. One source close to the negotiations between the two organisations said: "There have been a number of times when views have, to put it mildly, been very firmly stated. It's a bugger's muddle."

One fundamental problem for the designers is that Mil-lennium Central has not yet sorted out the extent to which sponsors will have a say in the design. While their demands cannot be ignored - since it is hoped they will contribute £195m towards the £650m cost the organisers are concerned. that the exhibition does not just end up looking like a sponsors' jamboree.

There was further confusion

Royal goats face population cut



Up for the snip: The Kashmir goats of Great Orme are at risk from mainutrition if the herd increases in size

Objections to country park's vasectomy plan

They stopped him working the land. So now he digs graves for children.

project. Chris Smith, Secretary of State for National Heritage,

did not deny the possibility of a switch of venue from Greenwich

to Birmingham, as reported in

yesterday's independent. But he told BBC Radio 4's Today pro-

gramme that the Government

the millennium exhibition. Any

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Asked if the Greenwich site

presented insurmountable

problems, Mr Smith said: "I

don't know the answer to that

question yet. I'll only know it once we've had a careful look

at the figures in the business

plan and the proposals ... in a month's time we will come

However, another senior

He said: "Birmingham's idea

Labour source insisted that

Birmingham was unlikely to be

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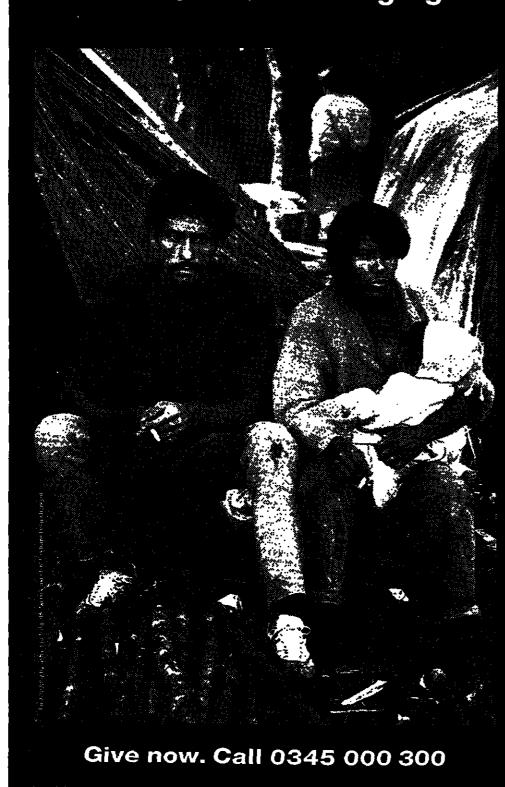
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José and María Pereira will not forget the day they were evicted from the land they were working, "The landowners just ripped up our crops and threw them away" says José Pereira.

Nor will they erase the memory of what poened next: how they joined with other families in a desperate search for land, how starvation took the lives of four of the children, all under two years old. "The ones who died were living on sugar and water" says María Pereira. "They just swelled up and died of hunger".

This is Brazil, where 100,000 children die each year from malnutrition. The cause, too often, is as simple as it is cruel: wealthy landowners deny land to families whose only means of support comes from growing crops to eat.

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Richard Smith

Male Kashmir goats which roam wild on a scenic headland in North Wales could be facing a painful cut in their population. Mass vasectomy is one option being discussed by local councillors seeking humane ways to reduce the size of the herd,

which boasts around 60 goats. The animals are all descendants of a pair of Kashmir goats the Shah of Persia gave Queen Victoria shortly after her

They have been grazing the limestone grassland on the 719-

century. It was the local landowner, Major-General Sir Savage Mostyn, who turned two of the white goats loose on the Orme after being given a pair from the Windsor Royal Herd which has supplied the regiment with its

Last year, the Country Park working party called for a humane cull of old and sick goats ecause of a shortage of grazing to sustain a healthy herd that size. But the scheme was scrapped after 5,000 people signed a petition demanding

preservation of the entire herd. Now a similar battle looms as Conwy Council seeks a solution to the problem in talks with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Countryside Council for Wales.

plement birth control methods through treating female goats, therefore other options are to be considered including vasectomy of males and relocation of animals," said a council spokeswoman. "No decision has been

reached as yet." Christine Jones, the organiser acre Great Orme County Park of last year's petition against the near Llandudho for more than cull, who lives in a two-bedroom cottage on the headland, said: "The idea of giving these goats the snip disgusts me because there is no need. I think nature

> "Ten years ago there were 100 plenty of gorse and scrub for them to eat. They might go into the odd garden for a change of diet but the goats do nobody any harm. They are beautiful animais - the tourists think they are gorgeous and so do the major-

ridiculous.

"On a moonlit night you can only see their horns when they sit up on the cliff - its just fantastic. We fought so long and hard we thought the battle was over but if they touch the goats without our approval we will "Technology is as yet not well enough developed to imtake out an injunction against

Complaints have been made by some locals who say the wild goats stray into gardens and cause havoc when grazing is in short supply.

But supporters of the herd point out that the town's Rectory Tea Gardens still manage to win the Llandudno in Bloom contest even though the goats

are often seen wandering there. Sally Pidcock, assistant warden of the Great Orme country park said "Obviously people are sensitive about culling the goats but if you leave them as they are maybe they will suffer. in the long run.

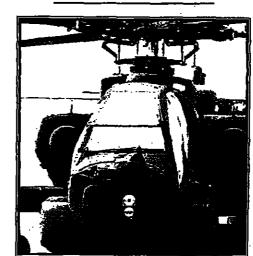
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Héritage Correspondent

Could the 80-million-year-old "egg thief" found beneath the saints of the Gobi Desert, and from Sunday on display at the Natural History Museum in London, be the most intelligent of all dinosaurs and the forebear of birds?

The Mongolian palaeontologist Dr Rinchen Barsbold has stuck his neck out with the theory that the 2-metre-long Oviraptor is indeed the link with birds and could have been warm-blooded. But most of his professional counterparts are more cautious.

Dr Angela Milner, the museum's head of fossil vertebrates, is excited at being able to display the "Dinosaurs of the Gobi Desert", including a 15-metre-long cousin of Tyran-nosaurus Rex, in Britain for the first time but emphasises the conditional on Dr Barsbold's

In the carefully weighed words of the museum: "This is a highly controversial theory in the palaeontological world as the evidence is not conclusive and in some areas cannot be Substantiated "

Central Asian locations and most commonly-found dinosaur characters, fossils of ferocious beasts and the measured language of science smacks of the

film script, it is not surprising. The first important discoveries in the Gobi, the richest dinosaur graveyard in the world, were by the American Roy Chapman Andrews who served as a



and archaeologist Indiana Jones, played by Harrison Ford

If as Dr Barsbold's believes,

iquities hunter, Indiana Jones. crouching over it, as if protect-Set against a desert backdrop, ing the eggs or incubating them the display at the museum when a fatal storm struck. Two ranges from the giant meatother "nesting" fossils have eating Tarbosaurus, or "alarmbeen found. ing lizard", to the delicate Psit-"big mamma" oviraptor was tacosaurus, or "parrot lizard", the smallest plant-eating diincubating the 22 eggs, it

nosaur ever discovered. The violent sand storms which have battered expeditions to the Gobi Desert have also provided perfect conditions for preserving whole Skeletons.

Oviraptors were discovered by Chapman Andrews close by eggs which were thought to be If the combination of exotic those of Protoceratops, the in the Gobi. Living 85-80 million years ago, Oviraptor had a powerful toothless beak and huge hands capable of grasping

But its name, meaning "eg thief", was proved false in 1993 with the discovery of an egg containing an Oviraptor embryo large relative to its body. Dr Barsbold, director of the

Geological Institute of the Mongolian Academy of Sci-ences, explained that in Ulaanbataar he has a close relative of the Oviraptor, called an Inge-nia, which though only 1.5m long and weighing 50-60 kilos had a brain the size of the Tarbosaurus which weighed perhaps 3,000 kilos.

What does this mean?" he asked. "I think the higher level of intelligence and the very characteristic pose of the Oviraptor sitting on the nest with the air of incubation means it could be a warm-blooded animal, as birds like the eagle and vulture which are also carnivorous."

The Dinosaurs of the Gobi ex-

hibition, which is supported by the Discovery Channel, can be seen at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, London, from 18 May to 31 August. strengthens his case that the creature was warm-blooded.



Tiny tot: Model of an egg containing a baby Oviraptor which was found in the Gobi Desert Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

DAILY POEM

Drinking Versus Thinking or, a song against the new philosophy

By Samuel Taylor Coleridge

My Merry men all, that drink with glee This fanciful Philosophy,

Pray tell me what good is it?

If antient Nick should come and take,
The same across the Stygian Lake,
I guess we ne'er should miss it.

Away, each pale, self-brooding spark. That goes truth-hunting in the dark. Away from our carousing! To Pallas we resign such fowls -Grave birds of Wisdom! ye're but owls, And all your trade but mousing! .

My merry men all, here's punch and wine, And spicy bishop, drink divine!

Let's live while we are able.

While Mirth and Sense sit, hand in glove, This Don Philosophy we'll shove Dead drunk beneath the table!

Proof that the Monty Python team were not the first to write a drinking song about philosophy: this one (from the new Penguin Classics edition of Coleridge's The Complete Poems, edited by William Keach; £11) appeared in the Morning Post in 1802. "Bishop" was a kind of mulled wine made with orange or lemon, spices and sugar.

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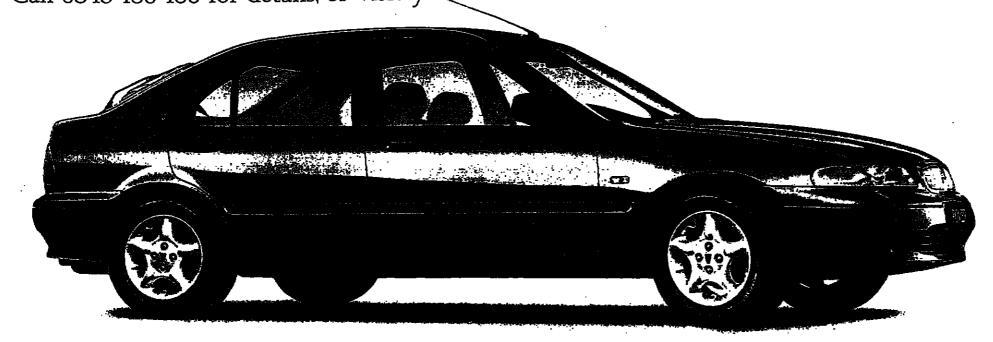
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Skyscraper city dreads high-rise rents h

New York — To scurrying Man-hattanites sex and money are important, but their biggest obsession is where they live. Have they found a place to rent? Is the neighbourhood right - below 96th Street anyway? And did they get a deal?

Understand that and you will understand the tizzy gripping the city over negotiations under way in Albany, the state capital, on the fate of rent control laws that date back five decades. Are these nigh-sacred limits, which apply to about 2 million New Yorkers, about to

be killed off? It seems so, although perhaps not overnight. But, unquestionably, the process spells a revolution, the likely impact of which is being hotly debated.

It may bring sanity to a wildly distorted housing market; but it could also drive out from the Apple many who could find themselves unable to stay - including the artists, writers and entertainers that give the city its rich mix.

Introduced during the Second World War to protect ten-ants from greedy landlords exploiting a housing shortage. the controls have since earned a certain infamy for helping the wealthy far more than they do the city's poor.

There was the case, for instance, of Mia Farrow's sprawling 11-room apartment overlooking Central Park for which she used to pay a piddling \$2,300 a month.

Farrow has since moved on (driven to Connecticut after her break-up with Woody Allen). But there are still myriad examples of young profes-sionals enjoying rents far below fair market rates - brokers, lawyers and even an occasional British broadcaster. Alistair Cooke, of Letter from America fame, pays \$2,078 a month for his rent-controlled park-view

Cost of living in New York set to soar, reports David Usborne

The control system applies to about a third of New York's rental units.

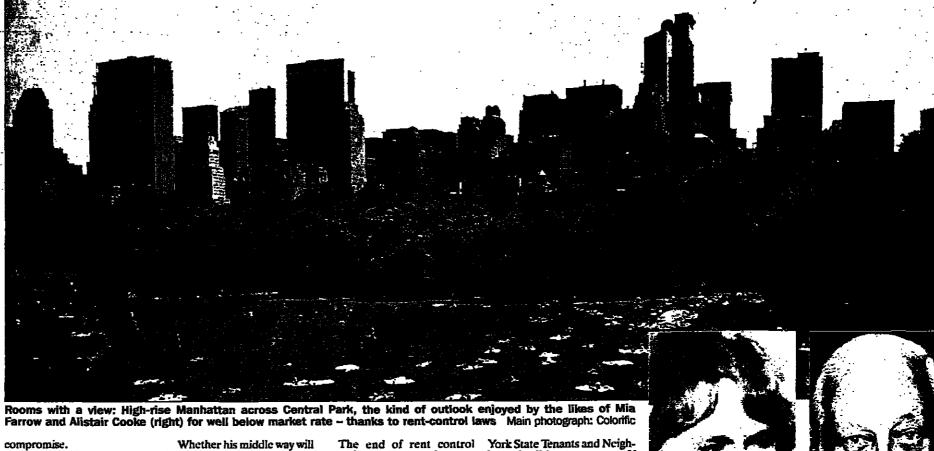
In essence, it allows the state to decide by how much a landlord can raise the rent (usually hardly at all) and guarantees every resident tenure for his or her life and beyond to the lives of their children. If the curbs were lifted, rents in parts of Manhattan would rise by at least

Economists have long scorned the controls as a damaging anachronism - New York is meant, after all, to be the belly of the capitalist beast, not a last bastion of socialist regulation. They argue, for instance, that they have discouraged developers from building new housing in New York which has made a long-term shortage in the city has just got worse

"Next to bombing," Assar Lindbeck, the Swedish economist once said, "rent control seems in many cases to be the most efficient technique so far known for destroying cities, as the housing situation in New York City demonstrates".

Landlords, naturally, would agree. Finally, with a realignment towards Republicans in Albany, they have found cars sympathetic to them. Joseph Bruno, the Senate leader, says he will block renewal of the laws when they expire on 15 June. In the lower Assembly, Speaker Sheldon Silver, a Democrat, in-

sists they be renewed in toto. Now New York Governor, George Pataki, is offering a



controls, but more slowly. He suggests ending them now for the wealthiest tenants - anyone carning \$175,000 or more - and liberating apartments from the controls when a tenant dies or moves out.

Whether his middle way will The effect will be to phase out be followed soon enough to avoid a showdown next month. remains to be seen. In the meantime, all parties are edgy and unhappy. Tenants' groups, in particular, have condemned the Pataki proposals as Mr Bruno's in disguise.

would mean increases in apartment rents of up to 35 per cent in large swaths of Manhattan, including Greenwich Village, the Financial District and the Upper East and West Sides.

The prospect prompted Michael McKee, of the New people will be gone".

York State Tenants and Neighbors Coalition, to warn: "If you want New York City to be a vibrant, diverse community, with artist and writers and creative people, then rent reg-ulation is very important. Without rent regulation, creative



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Mobutu goes home after peace talks fail

Mobutu Sese Seko, President of Zaire, returned to his capital yesterday after efforts to stage last-ditch peace talks with the rebel leader Laurent Kabila collapsed.

Despite misgivings in Kinshasa, where residents fear Mr Mobutu's notoriously ill-disciplined army as much as the arrival of the rebel troops, mediation efforts continued. Mr Kabila arrived in Cape Town, South Africa, to meet President Nelson Mandela a day after the rebel leader scuppered talks with Mr Mobutu. Reuters - Kin

Israeli ex-minister acquitted

An Israeli court acquitted the former justice minister, Yaacov Neeman, prompting speculation he might return to the post in place of his embattled successor. Mr Neeman was cleared of obstructing justice and lying under oath. His indictment last August forced him to leave the job, given to him less than two months earlier.

Turks attack rebel Kurds

Turkish troops, tanks and air-power pounded rebel Kurdish positions inside northern Iraq on the second day of a sweep through the remote mountain region, apparently to prevent cross-border raids by guerrillas. F-4 fighter-bombers from two south-eastern Turkish bases struck camps of the separatist Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in Iraq, while Cobra helicopters continued the assault on rebel units. The state-run Anatolian news agency said at least 30 PKK Reuters - Turkish-Iraqi bor rebels were killed.

Danes clash with NY culture

Danish newspapers, calling New York a "banana republic", lashed out at police in the city for arresting a Danish mother because she left her baby sleeping outside a restaurant. Annette Sorensen, 30, an actress from Copenhagen, and Exavier Wardlaw, of Brooklyn, spent two nights in jail after they were arrested for leaving their 14-month-old daughter, Liv, outside while they ate.

Bank on goodwill to poor men

About 200 protesters, including a philosopher and a bishop, crammed into the Bank of France to accuse the central bank of causing poverty with its free-market policies. The group marched into the bank's Paris headquarters and threatened to stay until they were granted an interview with governor Jean-Claude Trichet.

The bank scheduled a meeting for them with the vicegovernor, Denis Ferman, later in the afternoon and the protesters agreed to leave after the talks. Reuters - Paris

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Truth the victim in American crackdown

Robert Fisk finds his articles being submitted as 'evidence' to deport an Algerian activist

Washington — In their efforts to deport Algerian Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) spokesman Anwar Haddam, the United States Justice Department is using carefully selected articles from The Independent – in which the irony has been lost on Justice Department officials – as well as dozens of items from the government-censored Al-

gerian press, to prove that the FIS man should be expelled from the country.

The department is also submitting "evidence" from a selfstyled women's group closely associated with the militarybacked government; almost all witnesses, it transpires, will appear anonymously, while Mr Haddam has been refused permission to read the evidence allegedly collected from wire taps of his own telephone calls.

He had been acting as offithus American citizens – have

cial FIS spokesman in Washington from 1992 until his arrest by US Immigration and Naturalisation Service agents last December after his parole immigration status expired.

He fears that he will be tor-

tween the FIS and legal Algerian opposition parties in 1994 – and who testifies that Mr Haddam "continuously missed on the necessity of a political settlement ... advocating political pluralism and respect of human rights" – the US government is pressing on with its case, pro-

ly confuses the FIS with the much more violent and brutal Islamic Armed Group (GIA). The American "evidence"

The American "evidence" also contains allegations against Mr Haddam made by a women's group which two years ago staged a mock trial of FIS leaders in Algiers which ended when the audience "condemned" the FIS men to death.

Although a submission from the State Department acknowledges that "there is convincing evidence that the security forces carried out dozens of extrajudicial killings and often tortured and otherwise abused detainees", the Justice Department has relied

genans who support the regime.

A list of six unnamed Algerians – all referred to as "Jane Doe" – accuse Mr Haddam of "crimes against humanity", including rape, beheading and hijacking. The testimonies make specific reference to the hijacking of an Air France jet in 1994 – even though the GIA, not the FIS, carried out the as-

for most of its evidence on Al-

This evidence makes no reference to the FIS's condemnation of the killing of civilians, nor does it make any reference to the FIS victory in parliamentary elections which were subsequently annulled in 1992 by the military-supported government.

Similar references to FIS "control" of local government authorities prior to this date fail to mention that the FIS won a majority of seats on these councils in free elections.

One of the articles from The Independent – filed by me from Algiers on 8 March 1995 – has apparently been included because of a final paragraph which referred to photographs of murdered Algerian intellectuals. "It was enough to make you hate them [Islamists], despise them, deprive them of any human attribute, let alone human rights—which was, of course, the intention, provided you could forget how many people voted for the FIS in the elections which the government an-

Mr Haddam's lawyers have concluded that the Justice Department official failed to see the irony in the last line – or understand my remark that for the audience "the word 'terrorist'

remotely connected with the 'Islamist' cause".

Streets of fear: A fireman passes a wrecked vehicle after a booby-trapped car exploded in Algiers last weekend, Four people were killed and 71 injured

when four bombs went off in the Algerian capital in a spate of attacks ahead of perliamentary elections Photograph: Wahab

Another Independent article put forward as evidence by the US government is a report that I wrote on 20 February this year, telling of the murder of a trade unionist leader by the Jihad Islamic Front, which is loosely

associated with the FIS.

Mr Haddam is not mentioned in my report, although an exultant claim for the killing the trade unionist was a staunch supporter of the government's repression of the "Islamists" was published by a FIS support group in London.

At least 100,000 people have died in Algeria's civil war. The FIS claims that the GIA has been infiltrated by government agents, but makes no secret of its own attacks on policemen, soldiers and officials.

Nevertheless, the Justice Department's documentation shows evidence of considerable sloppiness. The title of at least two of the Algerian newspapers quoted have been misspelt and no reference is made to the Algerian government's insistence that newspapers must print news of "terrorism" according to the regime's instructions.

Many of these articles are about GIA massacres which the FIS have condemned, but for which the Algerian newspapers blame the FIS which is now illegal in the country.

A government witness list says a Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent will spend eight hours reading "classified information" to the US immigration judge while an anonymous "terrorist victim from Algeria" will talk for two hours.

Mary Ramadan, Mr Haddam's Washington lawyer, claims that denial of access to classified material will prevent her client from denying or rebutting any charges against him. But the US government, it seems, is set on putting Mr Haddam on an aircraft to Algiers.

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Doubts remain over refugee

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

The Algerian government has denied that a young asylumseeker refused refugee status by Britain was murdered by the authorities after being deported back to Algeria.

According to APS, the official Algerian news agency, the 25-year-old man, whom the Independent is not naming, is "alive and well, and not under threat in any way." The National Observatory for Human Rights (ONDH), has also stated that reports that he died in Algerian police custody are "groundless" and "manifestly a crude manoeuvre intended to blacken the reputation of the Algerian authorities."

But the British Refugee Council, which has conducted its own investigation into the case, said that neither statement allayed its concerns.

The man, who had served in the Algerian police, was arrested and released on his arrival back in the country but then rearrested, according to information received by the council and other sources.

He was believed to have met

his death during this second detention.

An ONDH news release confirms that he was arrested on his arrival at Algiers airport on 27 April and "released the same day and returned to his family home in Algiers".

A spokeswoman for the Refugee Council said nothing in the two statements had caused it to change its view of the case.

"The ONDH has admitted that he was detained on arrival but has added nothing about him being detained the second time, during which we believe he was killed."

The ONDH claims in its release that the man "suspected his former comrades in the London detention centre of having fabricated the whole story in order to cast a pall of Algerian-British relations and our country's reputation at a time when it is preparing for im-

portant elections."

But in an indication that the agency has not itself sought to interview the man, it adds that ONDH "has learnt" that the man has made himself available for any subsequent inquiry.





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Partial reprieve for HK civil liberties

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

The incoming Hong Kong govern-ment has backed down on some of its more draconian proposals for diluting civil liberties laws after it assumes power on 1 July.

Announcing the partial climbdown yesterday, Michael Suen, the new government's policy co-ordination secretary, said that the changes were major" and that the public's views had been "taken on board". He stated that "a proper balance between civil liberty and public order" had been struck.

More than 5,000 written submissions were received following publication of a consultative paper setting out the new administration's plans, many of which involve the reintroduction of old colonial laws. Mr Suen maintained that it was dif-

ficult to say whether the submissions were for or against the proposals but finally conceded that opinion was evenly divided. He insisted that the new administration was not necessarily looking at the number of submissions but was "looking behind the rationale of the submissions. All public opinion polls have registered strong opposition to the idea of changing the current laws and most legal profession representatives are also strongly opposed to the

Yesterday Yeung Sum, a leader of the Democratic Party, described the changes as being purely technical and

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said: "We are disappointed by the process of consultation and the results."
The governor, Chris Patten, said: "The Meanwhile, in Peking, a government question remains, why was any of this

Among the more controversial proposals to have been amended, was a plan to virtually prohibit the calling of

demonstrations at short notice. Now organisets will be required to give seven days' notice but can tell the police of their intention to demonstrate closer to the time. The police will not, as originally planned, have to issue a

"Notice of No Objection".

The apparently wide ranging definition of a political organisation, which will have to register and comply with new regulations, has been narrowed to bodies whose primary aim is putting up can-didates for public office. In addition, the previous idea of preventing all foreigners from contributing to these organisations has been replaced by a prohibition on contributions from oversess.

However, the government-in-waiting has maintained its controversial insistence on prohibiting the registration of political organisations which threaten national security and banning demonstrations which are likely to produce the same results. It has declined to spell out what

might be considered a threat to national security, aside from saying that it involves challenges to "the safeguarding of the territorial integrity and the independence of China". Instead of detailing what this means, the government

advisory committee has finalised plans for a new election system, designed to reduce the presence of pro-democra-

cy members in the territory's legislature.
The proposals, from China's
Preparatory Committee, would change the voting system in geographical constituencies to introduce multi-seat constituencies where electors would only be able to vote for one candidate.

In past elections, the Democratic Party and its allies swept the polls. China would not like to see this repeated when it finally holds elections for the legislature in about a year's time.

This convoluted plan, which is heavily weighted against popular parties, ap-pears to offer the best hope of pushing more pro-Peking members into office. Britain attacked the plans, saying they were totally unjustified. The

proposals contained unnecessary restrictions and rightly aroused widespread concern both in Hong Kong and internationally," the Foreign Office said in a statement. "It was right to consult the people of Hong Kong. We are pleased that the new proposals take some account of some of the auxieties

The statement continued: "But we remain concerned at the elements of the revised proposals which still do not fully meet the concerns of the community and which represent a step backwards from present arrangements.



Imperial viewpoint: The sprawing Chinese city of Shenzhen and the river which divides Hong Kong from the People's Republic, reflected in the visor of an RAF Wessex helicopter pilot Photograph: Reuters

Former SA death squad member guilty

Durban - A South African court yesterday convicted a white former policeman and two black accomplices of the 1981 murder of the anti-apartheid

lawyer Griffiths Mxenge.
The court found Dirk Coetzee, former commander of a covert police assassination squad who later joined Presi-dent Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC), and former policemen Almond Nofomela and David Tshikalanga guilty of stabbing Mxenge to death in a deserted sports stadium.

Mxenge represented many ANC members while the organisation was banned under apartheid laws.

Coetzee was the first white policeman involved in covert operations against the ANC to turn on the apartheid system and publicly reveal details of the state campaign against the or-

The three former policemen are among more than 6,000 South Africans who have applied for amnesty under a National Unity and Reconciliation Act designed to heal the wounds of apartheid. A decision on their applica-

tions could be expected in mid-June, Coetzee's lawyer, Julian Knight, said. Sentencing was postponed to 1 July to give the defence teams time to prepare their arguments for mitigation.
Passing judgment, Judge Piet
Combrinck told the packed

court that confessions made by the three men to a 1990 commission investigating police hitsquads could be used against them. He said the failure of the accused to take the stand to refute their confessions meant that they had told the truth about their involvement in

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First hint of Tsar's lost trove

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The 50-year quest for the lost treasure of the tsars has yielded its first clue – a gold-framed mosaic identitied by Russian and German experts yesterday as the only known remnant of the Amber Room.

The picture, depicting two couples lounging in a lush garden, had hung on a bedroom wall in Bremen since the war, its current owner oblivious to its significance. The Amber Room, originally the gift of King Friedrich Wilhelm I of Prussia to Pe-ter the Great, was plundered from the tsars' summer palace outside Leningrad by German troops in 1941. Under Hitler's orders, it was taken to the East Prussian city of Königsberg.

Soviet troops took Königsberg in April 1945, but by then the entire collection had vanished without a trace. For the past 50 years, every myth and legend has been followed up, but until now not a morsel

of its gold and amber panels had been located.

The mosaic's owner says be inherited it from his father, who died in 1978. The father had been a Wehrmacht officer on the eastern front, and served in Königsberg shortly before it was captured and re-christened Kaliningrad by the Soviets. He is believed to have taken the booty home to Bremen.



Imperial treasure: Police officer Lutz Zimmerman shows the first of three mosaics from the Amber Room

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Indonesia arms deal is test case for policy

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

The Government's new ethical foreign policy, including strict controls on arms sales to repressive regimes, will shortly face its first critical test case — Indonesia. A new report published today calls for a major change in British policy on arms exports to that country. Licence applications for the export of more Hawk jets and ar-moured personnel carriers to Indonesia are due in the next

few weeks.

The report, published by the Saferworld foundation, proposes two new guidelines. Licences should not be granted for any equipment that might be used for internal repression and there should be a "presumption to deny" exports to countries of "concern" such as Indonesia, unless a legitimate defence requirement can clearly be demonstrated. Instead of the Department of Trade and industry having to prove that a country had used equipment against its own people in order to get a licence stopped, the onus would be on the country concerned to prove it really needed the arms for defence against an external aggressor.

In Indonesia's case, the report says all licences for the ex-port of armoured personnel carriers, riot-control equipment and small arms - items which can be used in an "internal security" role - should be refused. And it recommends that the British government holds a British Aerospace Hawk aircraft have been used against rebels in East Timor. British Aerospace sources have told The Inlependent that they have not been used in this way, and do not have the range to reach East Timor from their current bases in Sumatra and Java.

In that case, said Andy McLean, a Saferworld spokesman, neither the British nor Indonesian governments need have anything to fear from an

open inquiry.
The Indonesian Air Force has so far taken delivery of 40 BAe Hawks – jet trainers which can also be used as attack aircraft. In 1996 a further 16 Hawk 200 aircraft were ordered, but no licence appears to have been is-

The Labour Party is keen to

encourage the British aircraft industry, and Lord Hollick, a Labour peer and BAe board member, is influential in the party. But even if the export licence for Hawks is approved, the second element of the test case - Alvis armoured vehicles - is less likely to be approved. Indonesia has already taken delivery of 30 Scorpion-90 light tanks and 20 Stormer armoured personnel carriers, and a licence for a further 50 armoured vehicles was granted in December last year. The third stage of the order - for 22 or 23 vehicles -

is expected shortly.

Given Indonesia's geographical position, vehicles of this type are most useful for small-scale fighting against insurgents. British armoured vehicles supplied in the Sixties were used against protesters in April 1996. The British government has received assurances that Britishsupplied defence equipment will not be used for internal repression in East Timor or Indonesia, and, in the case of the Scorpion 90s, has been given an fresh inquiry into reports that additional assurance that they would not be used in East Timor. But there were reports that they were deployed for security in Jakarta during last year's general election.

□ British Arms Export Policy

and. Indonesia. Malcolm Chalmers: Saferworld, Lon-don; £8.00.

Gold loses its shine among young Tajiks

JJ Fergusson Dushanbe

There are many mysteries in Tajikistan, though perhaps none greater than the national obsession with gold teeth. In Dushanbe, the capital of this desperately impoverished nation, they still glint at you from almost every mouth. In some instances, every single tooth has been replaced.

Gold instead of ivory has been the quintessential status symbol in this region for centuries: mined in the Pamir mountains, it has always been in plentiful supply; and what better place to keep your valuables than literally under your eyes?

But despite what you see there is evidence that this ancient tradition is dying. Dental treatment in these post-Soviet times is no longer free: a gold tooth costs about \$30 (£18), and a further \$15 to install. Last year the average monthly salary here was just \$8.60, easily the lowest in the former Soviet Union, making gold a luxury that few Tajiks can now afford.

Professor Omar Tairairov, general director of the Tajik Scientific Industrial Association. Stomatology - the country's chief dentist, in other words said cost is only one reason for the change. "Their value as a sta-tus symbol has declined, especially among the young," he said. He blamed access to Western

culture, particularly videos, which have naturally become more widely available since independence in 1991. His words were borne out at a rock concert at the Moskovsky Hall in the city centre. As Sergei, one of the performers and a Robert Plant lookalike, put it: "Why would anyone want to look like Jaws from the James Bond movie?" His girlfriend merely

It is not just the young who dislike gold teeth. Matluba Mamadjanova, a middle-aged educational adviser, swapped all four of hers for white metal ceramic ones after attending an American language teachers'





Golden jaws: Mad (top) and Mike Tyson

conference in Athens - the sort of thing no one ever did in

"It was so embarrassing." she said. There were hundreds of people there and I was the only one with gold teeth. They kept looking at me.
Zafar Nazarov, a dentist.

confirms the trend. In recent weeks he has taken gold from more than 20 mouths - all of them travelling professionals. "I used to get customers who

asked me to replace perfectly healthy teeth with gold ones." he said over tea in his spart surgery. "Nowadays that sort of thing mostly only goes on in Uzbekistan. They're a flashy lot over there."

He said he preferred the "noble metal" to ceramic be-cause "it's soft and malleable" and the tooth can be mounted with less sawing at the root." Later, he offered to install an example of his work: "It's free for guests to our country."

I declined politely and he laughed, throwing his head back to reveal a lower jaw studded with sharp points of gold.

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Boys lose out to toys in US defence review

engress yesterday heard first al reduce spending, cut troop figation to recommend stratec and spending priorities for he next 20 years.

Although it will not be publed until Monday, the timing it its release to Congress, the ay after Nato reached agreeent with Russia on terms for he expansion of the alliance estwards, exposed a paradox. While the Nato deal presages is changes to the alliance, the ing negotiations caused barea ripple of open dissent in the is. The QDR, by contrast, bugh judged to be relatively nadventurous, has already unlahed a torrent of criticism. From the right comes the arge that military spending al manpower, both now 30 per at lower than at their peak in star that any further decrease ispending, manpower or hardwe will jeopardise security. In e seen as modest compared those of recent years - 60,000 rops, for instance, compared cuts of 600,000 since 1989. From the left comes the arge that the "peace divi-

zens of individual congress-

comes from political groupings the QDR for its unadventurdails of a defence review that ousness, asking why it did not threat, yet the review persists in mbers and close a number of sider the whole thrust of US deises in the US but not abroad. fence policy. "It's just business he Quadrennial Defence Re- as usual, with some nibbling ew (QDR) is an exercise set around the edges," said retired vice-admiral Jack Shanahan, of the Centre for Defence In-

Overall, critics of the QDR do not object to manpower reductions, procurement cuts or base closures in principle. They even praise the attempt to narrow the gap between available ible, and many fewer troops funds and strategy goals. What abroad: "not global presence, funds and strategy goals. What they object to is the balance and above all the "vision" of the proposals as rooted in the past. One complaint is that more

manpower than hardware is destined to be cut and more active-duty troops than infrastructure staff. The argument was between "boys and toys", said Franklin Spinney, of the Pentagon, and "toys" won. Not just any "toys", he points out, but costly aircraft and subt Reagan years, have been cut marines that may not be appropriate for the new tasks that confront the military.

These new tasks are not, dett, the new proposed cuts fenders of the QDR say, completely neglected by the review. But, retort the critics, they are not reflected in the proposals. As set out by a number of Washington think-tanks and a small faction in the Pentagon, or squandered. From the tasks are identified as international and domestic terrorism, regional or ethnic wars, localised chemical or biological on come objections that an- attacks, information "wars" ipate closure of local access to space, and - more prosaically - peace-keeping and

The most sweeping criticism humanitarian operations. Most crities of the QDR concur that and military insiders, who attack for at least the next two decades the US faces no major global the view that the US must retain the capacity to fight two major wars, simultaneously on different fronts, or in quick

> The critics differ about whether what is needed is less sophisticated equipment for use on a smaller scale, closer to zones of conflict, or concentration on hi-tech warfare. The common watchwords, though, are smaller, lighter, more flexbut global reach", as one expert



Sky light: The space shuttle Atlantis streaking from Kennedy Space Center to begin the sixth US docking mission with the Russian Mir station. Among the astronauts on the 10-day voyage was a British veteran of three space flights, Michael Foale

Voices warn of dangers in Nato growth

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number of influential Amerans are expressing opposion to the drive towards early

ion to the drive towards early into enlargement.

If their increasingly vocal nd influential campaign comes to late to prevent Nato issuing relations to join at the Madrid lemmit in July, it could still present as more of the sixteen ent one or more of the sixteen lato member states ratifying he accession of new members 1 April 1999. That would be nough to prevent enlargement

aking place as planned. The opponents of enlargenent include academics, jouralists and former defence and ecurity chiefs, many of whom were involved in the Cold War, he arms reduction negotiaions in the late Eighties, and in be talks on the unification of Jermany. The growing band of opponents, who do not

6 Hurried enlargement could have catastrophic long-term consequences 9

necessarily oppose enlargement, but believe it is being rushed, inchudes Robert McNamara, secretary of defense from 1961-68; and Paul Nitze, former deputy defense secretary and US delegate to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (Salt) from 1969 to 1974. George Kennan, a former diplomat, academic and elder statesman, has said that Nato enlargement would be the gravest error in foreign policy towards Russia since the Second World War.

Although no written undertaking was given that German unification within Nato would not be accompanied by a further eastward expansion of the alliance, a number of those involved maintain that the Soviet Union - to which Russia is heir-was given that impression.

US government policy, stated by President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, is for an early en-Pargement which will probably include Poland, Hungary and

the Czech Republic in the first icy was driven by US politics, to appeal to voters of central European ancestry in the key midwestern constituencies.

Britain has, as usual, followed the American line. The "mission statement" given on Monday by the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, committed Britain to "an enlarged Nato".

Bevis Longstreth, a Law Pro-fessor at Columbia University and President of the Winston Foundation for World Peace, visiting London this week, said there were powerful arguments against burried enlargement which could sway western parhaments. He stressed the cost to present Nato states and to the applicants; money which would be better spent improving their economies, and the risk of offending and isolating Russia, which could have catastrophic long-term consequences, with nothing to show for it.

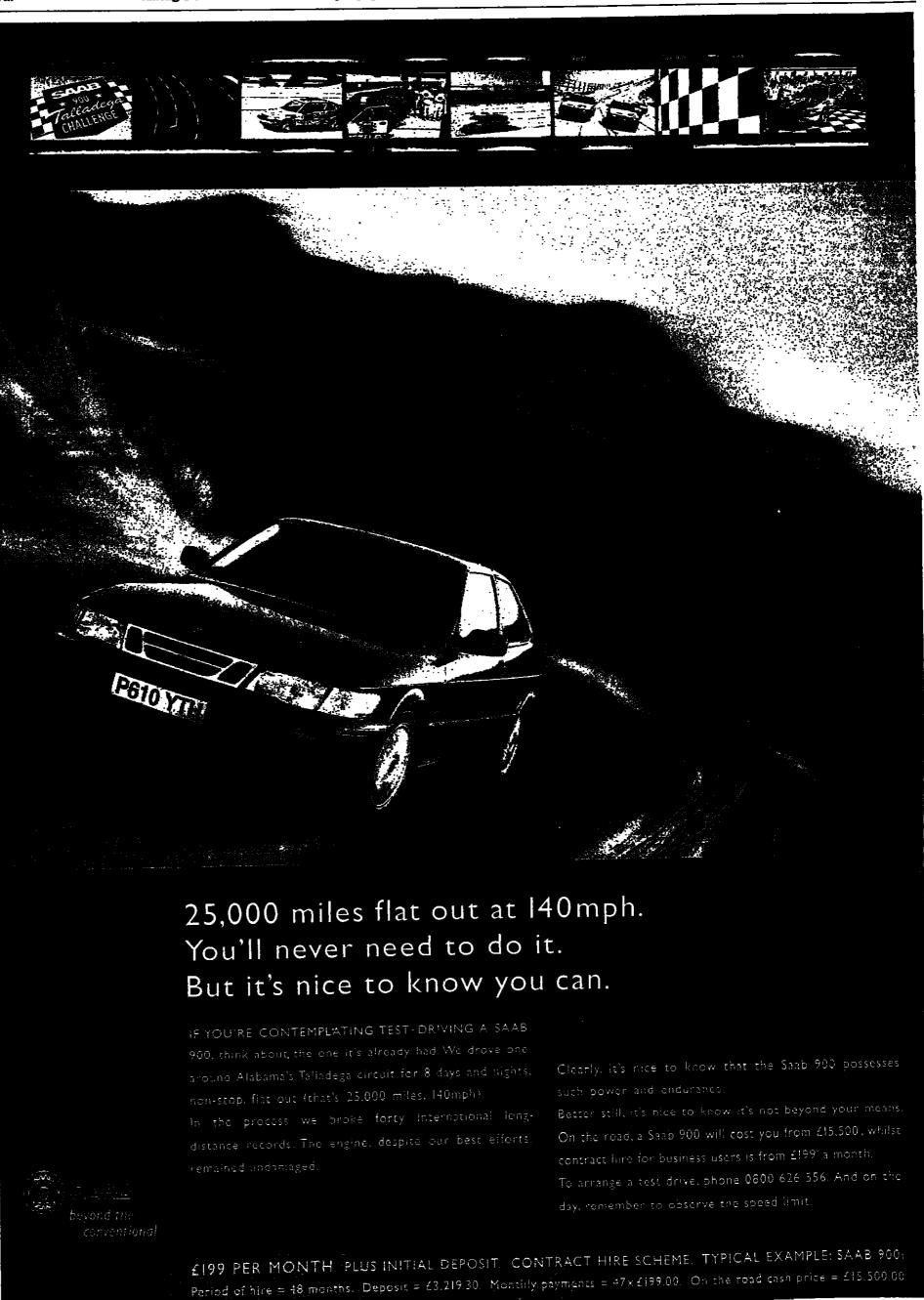
The most obvious argument for delaying enlargement was the cost: an estimated \$40bn (£25bn) for European Nato members and \$100bm for the US, plus the cost to new members to upgrade forces to Nato standards in certain areas or to make them compatible with Nato.

"It's preposterous for them to be spending money on the mil-itary", Professor Longstreth said. "It's throwing them an expensive bone, rather than admitting them to the EU." He added that many people doubted whether expanding to the east was the highest priority, as the security threats Nato was best suited to dealing with lay to the south. The biggest danger, however,

was isolating Russia in what threatened to become a re-run of Germany's isolation after the Versailles Treaty of 1919 imposed humiliating and crippling war reparations. Isolating Rus-sia could give rise to nationalism and, possibly, the appearance of a dangerous dictator.

The planned Nato-Russia "Charter", or "Act" as it will probably be known, is designed to prevent this, by involving Russia in Nato business. However, the US policy has resolutely opposed giving Russia any "veto" over Nato decisions.

As the Madrid summit approaches, a significant body of ninion is being mobilised in the US and Europe at least to delay enlargement. "We don't have to defeat it, said the professor. We just have to say hey, let's wait."



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There can be few, if any, persons past or present who could list LVO, DMus, FSA, FRAM, FRCM, FRCO after their name, and it may be that in this, at least, William Cole was unique. One of the most distinguished musicians of his generation, he had an extremely successful and full life. The staggering breadth of his involvement in so many spheres leaves one wondering how he managed to fit it all into one lifetime.

He studied at the Royal Academy of Music, where he met the organist Walter Emery, the beginning of a long and mu-sically fruitful friendship – they even shared the FRCO prizes in January 1930. They went on to give many joint lecture recitals, especially featuring the organ works of Bach, and they built up a large following over the years. Many recognised and appreciated Cole's gifts as an organist, maintained well into his ninth decade. His unaffected approach was built upon the surest of techniques and unfailing musicianship. He could make the simplest Chorale prelude speak the profoundest of truths.

In 1930 he became Organist and Choirmaster at Dorking Parish Church, where he stayed for 24 years, and in the following year he was appointed Music Master of Dorking County School. He served in the Air Ministry during the Second World War, helping to organise the vast increase in aircraft production necessitated by the conflict, and in this post his obvious gifts as an administrator

must have been invaluable. Following the war he was appointed Professor of Harmony and Composition, and Lecturer in History of Music, at the Royal Academy of Music.

posts at Toynbee Hall (Hon-orary Musical Director 1947-58) and the Royal Academy of Dancing as Lecturer 1948-62, Chairman of the Music Committee, 1961-68. Member of the Executive Council, 1965-68. and Member of the Grand Council 1976-88.

In 1954 he was appointed by Ralph Vaughan Williams as his Assistant Conductor of the Leith Musical Festival, mitially with the idea that Cole would conduct the works Vaughan Williams did not like. Soon Cole took over the reins, and in his time conducted many notable performances, including the first performance of George Dyson's The Canterbury Pilgrims.
In 1962 he left the Royal

Academy of Music to become Secretary to the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, having been an examiner since 1943. In the late 1960s he introduced the guitar syllabus and expanded the wind syllabus. He also found time to write a series of theory exercises. and those inimitable small white books were used by countless music students for many years. He once said that they were written as a temporary idea, and he never expected to see them so comprehensively adopted, perhaps even dreaded by some. After he left the Board he continued to mark, moderate and set theory papers, his sharp mind ever quick to spot any

In 1954 he was appointed Master of the Music at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. There he trained and nurtured a superb choir of men and recognised by his appointment as LVO in 1966. A fierce advocate of the Prayer Book of 1662, his strong faith shone

through in all he did. He will be remembered by the many choristers (all drawn from the school which he attended as a boy - St Olave's, now in Orpington) who sang for him as a man of great musicianship, and, above all, humanity. Whilst insisting on the highest standards of discipline and musicianship, he cared for and respected his choristers, rarely needing to admonish or chide. It was always moving to see the many former choristers who returned to fill the Chapel once a year for a special service, and a tribute to

the esteem and affection in

which he was held.

He communicated a great respect for the Church and its mu-sic, and, above all, a respect for the words they were singing. He knew many of the psalms by heart and personally found them of great comfort in times of sorrow. His musical knowledge was immense, and he de-lighted the choir with his first-hand stories of composers such as Vaughan Williams, Dyson and Holst, many of whom he knew well. The Christmas Carol services he devised and directed were much revered - especially that established over 20 years ago for the Garrick Club, of which he was a member.

Cole composed many pieces for the Savoy Chapel, including a fine setting of the Te Deum written for the Royal Victorian Order, sets of responses (including a beautiful setting of the Lord's Prayer) and an arrange-ment of "In the Bleak Midwinter", which is certainly one of his very finest works. After boys. His tireless energy and his retirement from the Chapel selfless commitment were in 1993 he was made Master of his retirement from the Chapel the Music Emeritus, and he continued to compose for the Chapel, including the Savoy Service and, very recently, a



The highest standards of musicianship: Cole (far right) at a Royal College of Organists dinner, 1973, with (from left), Donald Coggan, Archbishop of York, Dr Francis Jackson, President, and Alan Richardson, Dean of York.

Christmas prelude for organ, dedicated to me, his successor at the Savoy Chapel, based on 'While Shepherds Watched".

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In 1960 he became a Council member of the Royal College of Organists, acting as Honorary Treasurer 1964-85, President 1970-72 and thereafter Vice-President. He brought great discretion to his work there, and it was largely due to his efforts that the College was granted a Supplemented Charter and Charitable Status, against the advice of "experts" who denied this would be possible. Many other distinguished institutions were similarly indebted, including the Royal Harmonic Society (Honorary Secretary 1969-80), Royal Choral Society (1972-92), Musicians' Benevolent Fund (1972-97), Surrey

County Music Association sor of Harmony and Composi (1958-76), the Education Committee of Surrey County Council (1951-62), whom he actively persuaded to appoint a Music Advisor, and the London Association of Organists (1963-66).
William Cole had a love of

stained glass, and was an authority in particular on roundels. Having produced a catalogue of Netherlands and North European roundels in Great Britain (1993), he had another book on roundels in preparation.

Philip Berg

William Charles Cole, organist, choirmaster, musical administrator, composer, conductor, writer: born 9 October 1909; Organist and Choirmaster, Dorking Parish Church 1930-54; Profes-

sor of Harmony and Composi-tion, and Lecturer in History of Music, Royal Academy of Music 1945-62; Honorary Musical Di-rector, Toynbee Hall 1947-58; Lecturer, Royal Academy of Dancing 1948-62, Chairman, Music Committee 1961-68, Member, Grand Council 1976-88; Master of the Music, Queen's Chapel of the Savoy 1954-94 (Emerius); Member of Council, Royal College of Organists 1960-97, Honorary Treasurer 1964-85. President 1970-72; Secretary, Associated Board of Royal Schools

of Music 1962-74; Member, Cenmal Music Library Council 1964-95, Chairman 1973-93; LVO 1966; married first Elizabeth Caw (three daughters; died 1942), second Winifred Mitchell (one son; died 1991); died Guildford, Surrey 9 May 1997.

Professor J. R. Harris

J. R. Harris devoted most of his to undertaking a considerate academic life to the study and teaching of industrial history bringing to it unbounded en-thusiasm and a respect for clarity and rigour.

A history graduate of Man-chester University, John Harris had long shared with his schoolfriend Theo Barker an interest in the industrial development of his home town St Helen's, in south-west Lancashire. First degree studies were interrupted by active war service with the Royal Corps of Signals and the Indian army after which Harris returned to Manchester to complete his degree in 1948.

Shortly afterwards he collaborated with Barker to complete their study A Merseyside Town in the Industrial Revolution: St He-len's 1750-1900. Published in 1954, it was reprinted twice, latterly in 1993. The book drew upon Harris's doctoral work on the copper industry, an interest which found later expression in The Copper King (1964), a study of the entrepreneur Thomas Williams of Llanidan.

Many of the themes which were subsequently to inform his broader studies or technological and industrial history were developed at Liverpool University from 1953. It was there that he displayed his capacity for hard work, combining painstaking research with a raft of administrative duties and an unfailing concern for the welfare of his students. He was instrumental in launching the journal Business History which is currently ranked a leader in

its field. In 1970 Harris moved from a Readership in Liverpool to Birmingham as successor to W.H.B. Court in the Chair of Economic and Social History. His inaugural lecture on industrial technology in France and England reflected a developing interest in the transfer of labour, skills and ideas between the two countries during the formative period of industrialisation. Subsequent articles on these and accompanying themes were collected in Essays in Industry and Technology in the

18th Century: England and

France (1992). The complex economic and political factors underlying the industrial progress of the two countries was the theme of his latest book, Industrial Espionage and the Transfer of Technology: Britain and France in the 18th century (1997, due to come out in a few months' time), a product of almost 30 years study which he read in final draft

before suffering a heart attack.
It was typical of Harris's devotion to academic life that he spent so much of his time eneconomic and social history in ic historian; born St Helen's Lantive member of the Economic History Society, serving for many years as a Council Mem-

range of manageriai responsibilities in Birmingham (incliding a period as Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science) he world ceaselessly from 1990 to estolish and sustain on behalf of Birmingham University te Ironbridge Institute in Shroshire as a pioneering centre br postgraduate studies in inds-trial archaeology and heritae

From 1981 to 1984 he vis chairman of the Internation Committee for the Conser tion of the Industrial Heritae, a reflection of his standing in te field and his active participatin in scholarly activity in France and North America in particlar. His intensive work a French industial archives we recognised in 1990 when he wa appointed Chevalier de l'Orde des Arts et des Lettres.

John Harris was a kind n who detested pomposity disloyalty. He openly displayi the characteristics of his Lacashire upbringing: diligence, tegrity, but above all respect those around him. With a rais eyebrow and a sly smile, could distance himself fro the worst manifestations of ac demic sensitivity, but who called upon to be tough and u compromising in defence matters of principle, not less when they affected studen and staff, he was formidable at utterly dependable.



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A devoted family man, he wa especially proud of the achieve ments of his two sons. He wa rarely seen at conferences a home or abroad save in th presence of his wife Thelm whose untimely death from brain tumour in February 199 proved a devastating blow. A Emeritus Professor he contin ued none the less to be active in Birmingham and overseal dispensing that blend of cheeri fulness, common sense and de votion to scholarship that was so much part of the man.

W. R. Garside

the widest sense. He was an ac- cashire 14 May 1923; Professor of Economic History, Birming-hum University 1970-90 (Emeritus); married 1953 Thelma ber and Chairman of its Publi-cations Committee. In addition died Birmingham 5 March 1997.

Walter Ison

A few years ago Walter Ison at-tended a post-restoration par-ty at a Georgian house in Fournier Street, Spitalfields, London. He had last visited in 1952, when the house was a crumbling banana warehouse and he was researching the buildings of Georgian Spitalfields for the Survey of London. Crossing the threshold he re-marked: "When I came to record this building, I thought I was writing its obituary." A few yards away stands the magnificent spire of Christ Church, Spitalfields. It was Ison who made the first serious study of Hawksmoor's design and this masterpiece is now being restored with Lottery funds.

buildings have survived better than he dared hope, not least due to his achievements as an architectural historian. Bath is still - as Ison declared in his introduction to The Georgian his classic book has been a cornerstone of its preservation.

Ison was born to a middleclass family in Leamington. He worked as a junior assistant in the office of Frank Verity, the theatre architects, and studied architecture in the evenings. These early years at the drawing board were fundamental to his merit as a historian: he was unusually attentive to the visual subtleties of a building and his written descriptions were delineated with the precision of a draughtsman. The occasional

verbal flourish was all the more

nguage of classical architecture. In the last letter I received from him he pondered: "I wonder if Lutyens is the only English architect who has really made use of Sanmicheli." His heroes were the architects who played the Great Game of the classical tradition but also the 18thcentury master-builders: the unknown men, such as Marmaduke Smith of Spitalfields or Thomas Jelly of Bath, who shaped our terraces and squares. Ison showed how they adapted the vocabulary stair balusters, window frames and doorknobs.

"beyond any question, the loveliest of English cities", and his classic book has been always of Bath of 1948 - signed a drawing room re-using some early-18th century panelling salvaged from the salvaged from th ming pool pavilions. He also designed the interiors of the townhouse in Eaton Row, Eaton Square, in the refined manner of Thomas Leverton's 1770s houses. Most notably, at Domaine des Vaux, St Laurence, Jersey he designed a formal garden in which a stepped amphiteatre faced a fountain garden. Ison also encouraged their son Marcus Bin-

of ancient temples to ceilings and casionally as an architect, and his principal patrons were Sir George and Sonia Binney, who valued his ability to capture a period style. At Horham Hill. near Thaxted, Essex, he de-

Robert Taylor for his PhD.

In 1931 he married Leonora

delightful for its rarity.

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ney. today President of Save Britain's Heritage, to study Sir



Ison lived and breathed the language of classical architecture

Payne, the artist and architect, whom he had met when they both worked in Verity's office. During the Second World War Ison worked in the highly secret model-making section of the RAF at Medmenham, Buckinghamshire, where his friend the distinguished calligrapher and artist Reynolds Stone stirred Ison's interest in Bath. Leonora also fell in love with the city and when, just after the war, she received a small legacy,

they moved to Bath and bought a Regency house, No 5 Sion Hill Place. The legacy also enabled Ison to research The Georgian Buildings of Bath, which he published in 1948 and is still in print. His reputation in Bath is still infallible: well-thumbed copies of Walter Ison are as ubiquitous as Dr Spock in the

city's middle-class households. His next book was The Georgian Buildings of Bristol of 1952 and later he wrote English Architecture Through the Ages (1965) and English Church Ar-chitecture (1972) which became standard texts for the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board. All his books were beautifully illustrated by Leonora. In the 1950s the Isons moved

to London and restored an early-18th century house in Colebrook Row, Islington. Ison talfields volumes 1957) of the architecture music was his mo-Survey of Loridan and stayed tivating passion. The flat in St there until his retirement in Acoustic was decorated in 1970. He became Architectur— what might be described as a of the buildings for the volumes on Soho (1966), Westminster (the four volumes on the Parish had a gentle and mischievous of St. James's, Piccadilly, 1960) wit which remained sharp to the During his time there the publications added 16 inches of shelf-width to the four feet amassed by this colossal research project - still in motion since it was begun by London County Council in 1900.

On retirement, the Isons sold the house in Islington to Cyril Rae and moved to Rainham Hall, Essex. This is an outstanding early-18th century brick mansion, and stepping out each morning from underneath its fine Corinthian porch put a spring in Ison's step. The last years were spent in a flat in St Leonards, East Sussex, where he became President of the local conservation society, and his last article was published in the Journal of Decorative Arts in 1982, describing the Regent Cinema, Brighton. Built in 1921 and demolished in the 1960s its

gaudy style was still unfashionable when Ison wrote, and his appreciation of the quality of its decoration is all the more remarkable because he wrote from his recollections of visiting as a teenager.

Ison had a very acute aes thetic sense. His interests also included a fine collection of Chinese porcelain and of rare muhad come to work on the Spi-sical recordings; next to al Editor and wrote descriptions pre-Colefax & Fowler Regency style. Ison, a large man, could seem formidable at first but he very end. When he and er architectural historian, Dr Mowl disagreed on a point of Palladio's architecture he asked: "Who is this man Mole [which is how Mowl is pronounced]? He's so prickly he should be called 'Hedgehog'." His outstanding characteris-

tic was his devotion to Leonora and his fear that he would die first and thus abandon her. She died in November 1996, a few days after their 65th wedding anniversary. Ison talked of making a final pilgrimage to Italy but he died after a short illness. Christopher Woodward

Walter William Ison, architectural historian: born Leamington, Warwickshire 20 September 1908: married 1931 Leonora Pavne (died 1996); died St Leonards, East Sussex 2 May

Brigadier Michael Harbottle

May I make one important correction to Linda Melvern's Foundation (US). He invited my intelligent obituary on Michael Harbottle [14 May], writes Eirwen Harbottle?

The historic statement signed by 62 retired generals, admirals and air marshals from 16 countries, calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons, was the initiative of the retired United States Senator Alan Cranston, Chair of the State of the World

names. He could then have de-

Contempt of Court Act 1981,

which applied to the court as

well as to everyone else, and of the long established principle

tion to be asked in considering

an application for excusal was

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the jury room.

Forum and of the Gorbacher husband to be a member of his drafting team, together with General Lee Butler (US) and General Belous (Russia). It was launched in the US on 5 December 1996 and in London the following day under the chair-manship of Lord Carver. The Centre for International Peacebuilding played a facilitating role rather than an initiating one.

Births. Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

BUTTERWORTH: Dr Harry, on 15
May, at his home in Enfield, beloved
husband of Jean. A funeral service
will be beld at St Peter's Church.
Vera Avenue. Grange Park, on
Thursday 22 May at 11 am, followed
by cremation. No flowers bease. Oxby cremation. No flowers please. Do-nations in his memory to the Parkin-son's Disease Society.

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United Synagogues: 0181-343 8989.
Federation of Synagogues: 0181-202
2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive
Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform
Synagogues of Great Britain: 0181-349
4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Contregation: 0171-289 2573. New London
Synagogue (Masorti): 0171-328 1026.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard

Birthdays

Canon Reginald Askew, former Dean of King's College, London, 69; Mr Stuart Bell MP, 59; Dr Peter Brand MP, 50; Mr Pierce Brosnan, actor, 40; Sir Colin Cole, former Garter Principal King of Arms, 75; Mr Don Concannon, former gov-ernment minister, 67; Mr Mark Eliott, ambassador to Norway, 58; Sir Nicholas Goodison, deputy ch Lloyds TSB Group, 63; Mr Jimmy Hood MP, 48; Mr Roy Hudd, comedian, 61; Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara, former president of the Gambia, 73; Mr Geraint Jones, con-ductor and organist, 80; Maj-Gen Sir Desmond Langley, former Governor of Bermuda, 67: Professor Peter Levi, poet and archaeologist, 66; Mr David Maclean MP, 44; Mr John McWilliam MP, 56; Professor Kenneth Morgan, former Principal, University College of Wales, Aberyswyth, 63; Professor Gareth Roberts, Viceos; Professor Gareth Roberts, Vice-chancellor, Sheffield University, 57; Miss Gabriela Sahatini, tennis play-er, 27; The Right Rev Kometh Skel-ton, former Bishop of Lichfield, 79; Mr Studs Louis Terkel, water, 85; Mr John Walford, solicitor, 70; Lt-Gen Sir Antony Walker, former Com-Sir Antony Walker, former Com-mandani, Royal College of Defence

Studies, 63; Sir Charles Wilson, for-mer Principal, Glasgow University, 88; Sir Russell Wood, former deputy Treasurer to the Queen, 75.

Anniversaries

Births: Herbert Ernest Bates, novelist, 1905; Henry Fonda, actor, 1905; Liberace (Władsiu Valentino), pianist and entertainer, 1919. Deaths: Pietro da Cortona (Berrettini), painter and architect, 1669; lames Agee, writer and screenwriter, 1955. On this day: the Kentucky Der-by was first run at Louisville, Kentucky, 1875; the first Academy

Awards ceremony was held in Hol-lywood, 1929; the Soviet spacecraft Yenus 5 touched down on Venus, 1969. Today is Ascension Day and the Feast Day of St Brendan, St Caran-toc or Carannog, St Domnolus of Le Mans, St Germerius or Germier. St Hemoratus of Amiens. St John Nepomucen, St Peregrinus of Auxerre, St Possidius, St Simon Stock and St Ubaldus of Gubbio.

Lectures

National Gallery: James Heard, "Fruit and Flowers (iii), Caravaggio. The Supper at Emmaus", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Miranda Neave, "Neo-Classical Sil-

ver", 2.30pm.
Tate Gallery: Guy Brett, "Susan Hiller's Writing on the Wall", 1pm. British Museum: James Putnam 'Collected: installations by Richard Wentworth and Fred Wilson".

Maj-Gen Bob Cook

A service in celebration of the life and work of Bob Cook will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, London EC4, on 18 June at 11am. Those wishing to attend should contact Col Andrew Carter on 01258 482083,

Dinners

Lincoln's Inn Sir Maurice Drake, Treasurer, Lin-coln's Inn accompanied by Lady Drake, was the host at the Grand Day dinner held yesterday evening at Lin-coln's Inn, London WC2. Among Dr L.M. Singhvi, High Commissioner for In-dia: Lord Baugham of Combill, Lord Chief Ins-tice of England: The Right Rev Christopher Herbert, Bishop of S. Albans: Lord Nicholls of Biokenhead, Treasurer, Middle Temple; Lord Cooke of Thorndon; Sir Stephen Brown, President, Family Dwision; Lord Justice Stanghton, Treasurer, Inner Temple: Lady Goodhar; Admiral Sir Reter Albott. Commander-in-Chief Fleet: Air Chuef Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Chief of the Air Stall; Sir Rodney Sweetnam, President, Royal College of Surgeons; Dame Jocelyn Barrow, Maj-Gen Patrick Mast.ellan; Gp Capt John Cumnigham; Dr Peier North, Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University; Miss Esther Rantzer, Mr Andrew Honter MP, Mr Mas Modey, President, International Automobile Missip, Francis Information Richard Palmer, Rabbi Jacqueline Tabbick, Associate Rabbi, West London Synagogue; Captain P.M. Carver RN, Under Treasurer, Colonel D.H.

Sherborne School

The following awards have been made at Sherborne School:

Scholarships: N.M. Pothecary (Top), Sher-borne Preparatory School; P.J.F. Le Flady (Ross Wallace), Hardegrove House; J.J. Collins, Hazdegrove House; D.A.C. Gordon, Port Regis; A.C. Moriey-Smith, Hazdegrove House; W.P.D. Yates, Sandroyd; N.A.D. Zarb, Seatey's School BE N.A.P. Beattle, Woodcote Hou

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LA.W. Board, Psylord and Sherborne School;
R.E. Bulger (Nouting), Waschmune House;
C.J.S. Hart (Raban), Lambrook; D.C.M.
Hoey, Wolborough Hill; N.J. Minna, Sr. Edmund's, Hludhead; D.D. O'Connor, Mount
House; M.J. Panierson, Sheaborne Preparatory
School; P.J.C. Shaw-Brown, Brambleye.
Jeremy Irone: J.C. Britten, Hadegrove House;
W. Fegen, Lambrook; D.A.C. Gordon, Port
Regis; G.J.D. Scott. The Downs, Wirseali;
R.H.G. Angell, Dumpton; O.L.R. East, Sandroyd; R.W. Jordan, Chafyn Growe; P.J.F. Le
Fluty, Hadegrove House; E.W. Luard, Hadegrove House; D.D. O'Connor, Mount
House; N.M. Pothectary, Sherborne Preparatory School; L.W. Ussay, Port Regis; E.J.C.
Westroop, King Edward's, Bath.
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Regina v Schot; Regina v Barclay; Court of Appeal (Crimina) Division) (Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Forbes and Mr Justice Keene) 12 May 1997

> A judge who found two members of a jury to have been in contempt of court did not follow the correct procedure.

> The Court of Appeal allowed the appeals of Bonnie Schot and Carol Barclay against findings by Judge Cooray at Knightsbridge Crown Court on 24 March 1997 that they were in contempt of court.

The appellants were members of a jury hearing a trial which had started on 18 February 1997 at Knightsbridge Crown Court. Miss Schot was the foreman of the jury.

On 12 March 1997, after retiring to consider its verdict, the jury sent the judge a note which said: "Your Honour, we are unable to come to any decisions owing to some jurors' conscious beliefs. Please advise.

The foreman was asked to explain in writing what "con-scious beliefs" meant. A second note read: "Some members of the jury cannot bring themselves to make a true judgment due to our beliefs, not religious but personal. At the beginning of the trial before we took the

LAW REPORT

16 May 1997 oath we felt that we could not ond note, to have discharged stand up in court and stress this He should have sought the fact. We thought that our feelings may change over time. Afnumber of jurors who were having difficulties rather than their ter retiring we have found that

cided whether to discharge the not give a true verdict to these endants." whole jury or to give them a majority direction. Alternatively, having ascertained that only two The judge requested the names of the jurors involved. iurors were involved, he could and was given those of the anpellants. He discharged the have discharged them under s jury and ordered the appellants to return to court on 24 March 16(1) of the Juries Act 1974. In any event the enquiry to show cause why they should into the names of the jurors was in breach of the widely ex-pressed terms of s 8(1) of the not be punished for contempt

of court. John Perry QC (who did not appeal below) and Leroy Redhead (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Miss Schot; Stephen Solley QC (who did not apr below) and Navjot Sidhu (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Miss Barclay, David Pannick QC (Treasury Solicitor) as amicus curiae.

we still feel the same and can-

Lord Justice Rose said that the court sympathised with the judge in having to deal with a very unusual situation, but he had fallen into a sequence of

It was very doubtful whether it had been proper for him to seek clarification of the phrase "conscious beliefs", and he ought not, on receipt of the sec-prevented him or her from ful-

en to amending the jury summons or other information given to jurors so as to incorporate some reference to the possibility referred to in the Practice Direction.

tempt but it was also necessary to prove the mens rea, namely an intention to impede or create a real risk of prejudicing the administration of justice. There had been no "urgent and imperative need" for the judge to deal with the question

that no one has the right to enquire into what has occurred in judge, or to the Attorney Although the Juries Act 1974 did not provide for exemption from jury service on the ground of personal conscientious beliefs, section 9(4) gave a wide discretionary power of excusal. In the light of the Practice Di-rection (Jury Service: Excusal) [1988] 1 WLR 1162, the ques-

not been appropriate.

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Incorrect procedure in contempt hearing

honestly his or her duties as a member of the jury. Consideration should be giv-

Contumacious refusal to judge another person might in appropriate circumstances establish the actus reus of con-

of contempt himself, and there had been a real danger of bias on his part. He should either have referred the matter to another senior Crown Court

In his conclusions the judge had drawn no distinction between the two appellants, al-though their cases were very different. The findings of con-tempt against both appellants. would be quashed. The court also indicated that the imprisonment of the appellants had

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

Referendums' worth is beyond question

ability as Members of Parliament to represent our constituents." That was how Tony Blair rejected the idea of a referendum on the Maastricht Treaty in 1993. Now he is planning up to five separate referendums - on devolution in Scotland, Wales and London, on electoral reform and possibly on a single European currency. It's a feast of democracy which would make ancient Athenians proud.

Let us not play the usual journalistic game of saying "Aha - inconsistent!" Let us instead welcome the sinner that repenteth, however reluctant Mr Blair's repenting has been. Referendums are A Good Thing. There have only been three of them in this country (Europe 1975, Scotland 1979 and Wales 1979); there should be more. The record is patchy, but they ought to be an antidote to cynicism about politics and politicians. Referendum campaigns enliven debate; they put a duty on our leaders to explain themselves and they hand power and responsibility to the electorate.

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But they are not suitable for deciding every jot and tittle of policy - otherwise, what would be the point of a parliament? Going too far down the road towards Californian propositioning or Swiss quizzing does take away the importance of placing responsibility in the hands of elected MPs - a delegated responsibility to make judgements on the basis of a thorough political grasp rather than a disconnected political whim. But there is a doctrine emerging, in the classic evolutionary man-

mental constitutional questions, such as relations with Europe and devolution.

It is a doctrine which is still fuzzy at the edges, because it is not clear what is and is not a "constitutional" issue. A change in the method by which MPs are elected, for example, certainly requires a refer-endum. But the definition should be drawn widely: there ought to be a presumption in favour of a referendum on any important change in the way our political society is ordered which can be simplified to a yes-no choice.

Surprisingly, perhaps, Mr Blair's Gov-ernment is stretching the definition. Despite Mr Blair's strong personal belief in representative democracy (much reinforced no doubt by the fact that it is the system which has put him where he is today), he has solved a series of thorny political problems by promising referendums. The innovation of constitutional principle is to extend the reach of referendums into local government, by putting the London question to the people of the capital. It is to be hoped that, in future. all changes in local government structure should be put to the people affected.

There are, however, many issues which should not be decided by a referendum. A lot of the so-called conscience issues which are the subject of free votes in the House of Commons should remain with MPs. Abortion, for example, cannot be an absolute question, whatever its militant opponents say. Judgements about circumstances and time limits cannot sensi-

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bly be decided by referendum. Similar arguments apply to the death penalty, although it may be easier to define the crimes to which it applies. But there is another obstacle to this most popular of saloon-bar debating points, which is that parliament has to decide that there should be a referendum. In a representative democracy, one of the roles of MPs is to do things referendums cannot do: adjudicate priorities, assess long-term consequences of decisions and show leadership. It is right that they should decide precisely which issues should be put to the people, in what order and what the ques-

This last is an important point. The

wording of questions can often influence the vote, and so should be as fair as possible. Yesterday's draft questions for the Scottish and Welsh referendums are admirable in this respect - leaving aside the inevitable "yes bias" (people prefer to give positive answers to opinion polisters or governments), and the unnecessary use of the passive in the second question in Scotland (surely the parliament should "have the power to change tax rates" rather than "have taxvarying powers"?). This time, there is no chance of the nonsense about thresholds which wrecked Scottish devolution 18 years ago, because of a requirement that 40 per cent of those eligible to vote had

to vote Yes, rather than a simple majority of those voting.
What of the answers to the questions?

Again, as two weeks ago, this newspaper would not presume to tell its readers how to vote. But we have consistently advocated the devolution of power to those parts of the United Kingdom which want it, and have had little patience with logic riddles such as the West Lothian Question. Yes, it will be anomalous for Scottish MPs to have powers over English matters when English MPs have no say in such matters (such as schools and hospitals) in Scotland. But who will lose from this? The theoret-ical case of English Conservative voters cursing the yoke of a Labour Government sustained by Scottish MPs does not apply to the post-landslide situation since I May. If it were to happen, it would indeed raise questions for England - which may turn out to be to England's great advantage, as its own regions demand more say.

More difficult questions of what will happen in practice are raised by the referendum on a new government for London. Contrary to first appearances, the people of the capital will be asked to vote not primanity on whether there should be a new "slimline" GLC, but rather on whether there should be a directly elected mayor. It seems that the new-style mayor would have full executive power, leaving a small Greater London Authority as a talking-shop of "backbenchers". There is still an alarming lack of detail in Labour's plans which need to be dealt with in this autumn's green paper. Would the mayor have the power to appoint elected members of the authority to executive posts? What if the authority passes a vote of no confidence in the mayor? A directly elected mayor would be a welcome innovation, capable of reviving local government through the idea of personal accountability, but it could end in disarray if the relationship between mayor and authority is not crystal clear. Wisely, the Government has decided that the referendum will not be held until details have been sorted out and the Bill passed by the Commons.

The blessing, though, is that the people affected will be consulted. Let us hope it turns out to be a democracy-enhancing experience.

Turning up the heat on Barbie

Emma Bonino has done it again. The European Commissioner for Consumer Affairs has told the unpalatable truth. Once it was over-fishing. Yester-day, it was Barbie and Action Man. It is not too early to start planning now, she says - don't buy them this Christmas. Instead, parents should buy "educa-tional" toys to introduce children gently to the euro, the currency of their future. We want to do our bit to help the campaign, so here is an educational quiz. World sales of Barbie and Action Man amount to (a) 1.7m euros, (b) 17m euros or (c) 1.7bn euros. Answers on a postcard to Mme Bonino, c/o Planet Tharg.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Ethics, profits and plain business sense

Sir. Jack O'Sullivan is right: social and environmental auditing of companies is an idea whose time has come ("There may be no profit in human rights", 15 May). But he is wrong to say that the Body Shop experience would put other companies off trying it.

For the last five years we have been subjected to media scrutiny - it comes with the territory. However, unlike Shell, that scrutiny ended successfully for The Body Shop, in part because of the independent auditing of our performance against our policies on the environment animal welfare and human rights. That process meant that unsubstantiated allegations. flouridered rapidly on the rock of the reality of our practice.

Ethical auditing is not about corporate public relations. It is about recognising that business increasingly impacts on the lives fellow citizens. Without the systems and independent verification that ethical auditing requires, you operate blindly and too often fall victim to your own propaganda. No doubt Shell senior executives are

waking up to that reality today. For The Body Shop, auditing is plain common sense. It also delivers positive commercial benefits. Our environmental audits have cut our fuel bills and reduced our packaging and transport costs. Our social audit highlighted gaps in our learning and development programme and areas where we could increase co-operation with

suppliers to our mutual benefit. Social and environmental auditing is no longer the preserve of the supposedly eco-eccentric companies. An inclusive stakeholder approach is the cornerstone of the new government and its value is being recognised by more and more companies. ANITA RODDICK Founder and Chief Executive The Body Shop International plc Littlehampton, West Sussex

Sir; As a PhD student writing on the oil industry in Nigeria, I doubt Shell's sincerity in its recent promises ("Shell pledges to stop flares in Nigeria", 14 May). Shell promised in 1996 to cut out

all unnecessary gas flaring by 2008. To achieve this target, Shell is planning a number of gas projects, especially the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project to start using gas in 1999. Other planned projects include a methanol plant, a gas-tosyncrude conversion unit and an ethylene cracker for petrochemicals.

However, the LNG project, the only Shell gas project currently underway, is primarily a profitmaximising venture that has little regard for the environment. Of the 950-million cubic feet per day of gas that the project will use, only 32 per cent will come from currently flared or reinjected gas; the remaining 68 per cent will come from specially developed gas deposits. This compares with 2,000 million cf/d flared in Nigeria at the moment, which is in Shell's own words enough "to meet the needs of a small industrialised country like Holland".

Shell must change its internal organisation and allow external monitoring, if we are to regain trust in its management. GEORGE FRYNAS Department of Economics University of St Andrews

Sir: Your article "There may be no profit in human rights" hits several



nails on their respective heads Shell's ever-rising share price clearly indicates that the Brent Spar public relations disaster had no real impact on the behaviour of investors. Ethical behaviour, more often than not, costs money. Businesses are working for profits. Consumer boycotts last only for so long. A smart strategist would be able to put a price tag on public relations disasters and make a decision on ethical behaviour based exclusively

on cost-benefit considerations. The hope for self-regulation in industries is naive. If Shell suddenly behaved ethically, its competitors wouldn't. Shell's prices might go up as a consequence; their competitors would win the market share.

Public and legislator pressure must be put on whole industries to agree on minimum ethical standards monitored by an independent watch-body operating at national and international level. Pharmaceutical companies have set up community advisory boards, which may not function ideally, but they are a start in the right direction Dr UDO SCHUKLENK ecturer in Applied Ethics University of Central Lancashire

Wrong way' ride

Sir: Why do so many of your correspondents deplote wrong-way cycling down one-way streets? This has been lawful in the Netherlands for years, is being introduced in German cities (a recent trial in Aachen was accident-free) and is even now being introduced in some communes in Brussels - hitherto not a bicycle-friendly city. ANTHONY MORRIS Brussels

National curb on abuse in homes

Sir: The sad story of long-term sexual, physical and mental abuse of people with mental handicap resident in homes registered with Buckinghamshire County Council (15 May) might never have come before a judge but for persistent probing by The Independent, against resistance by the

authorities. Many more instances of abuse are known to occur elsewhere. Bringing individuals to justice and reducing future risk is difficult. The National Society for Mentally Handicapped People in Residential Care (Rescare) has argued for some time that existing and expensive registration and inspection procedures frequently

fail to provide adequate protection. Rescare, whose membership is predominantly relatives of people with mental handicap, suggested to the previous government that existing controls should be replaced by a national system of licensing all staff in all types of residential provision for people with mental handicap. Licences should specify the extent of responsibility allowed to the licensee. An independent inspection system would respond to expressions of concern with power to suspend, modify or cancel licences, subject to an appeal

procedure Such a system would stop jobhopping by care workers who are suspected or known to be abusing their charges (as happened in the Buckinghamshire case). And when unease is expressed by relatives, it might be taken more seriously than, sadly, as Rescare knows, is often the case today. Dr MAURICE BROOK Stockport, Cheshire

Last chance for the Law Society

Sir: I can well understand the concern expressed by Carol Davies (letter, 14 May) about the way complaints about solicitors have been dealt with by the Law Society in recent years. Indeed, the Law Society's own research in 1995 showed that two-thirds of those who complained to the Solicitors Complaints Bureau remained very dissatisfied with the final outcome.

Research findings such as that, and criticisms from a variety of quarters, not least myself, led the Law Society last autumn to replace the Solicitors Complaints Bureau with a new body, the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors, whose aim is to deal with complaints in a much more consumer-friendly way.

As I made clear in my most recent annual report, the new body set up by the Law Society must be its last chance to get complaints handling right. It should be given time to show what it can do, but if there is no improvement, Carol Davies and the MPs who signed the early day motion may well be right that the present two-stage system, whereby complainants have to have their complaint dealt with by the

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professional body before they can refer it to the Legal Services Ombudsman, needs to be replaced by a one-stop independent complaints body. As regards my own

independence and accountability, I would like to assure Carol Davies that I am accountable to Parliament through the annual report which I make to the Lord Chancellor. I am also subject to scrutiny by the Home Affairs Selec Committee of the House of Commons and my decisions on individual complaints can be judicially reviewed by the courts. For the record, out of 1,388 investigations carried out in 1996, my findings were wholly or partly in favour of the complainant in 411

MICHAEL BARNES Legal Services Ombudsman

Rights charter remakes politics

Sir: Your leading article ("Royalty meets radicalism in Wonderland" 15 May) rightly points out the significance of incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights. Being able to enforce minimum human rights standards in domestic courts will provide fundamental guarantees to individuals who previously would have had to embark on the slow road to Strasbourg.

However, the impact of incorporation will go further. Once part of domestic law, the European Convention will have a salutary impact on all aspects of government All policy will have to be measured against its standards. Ideally these human rights impact asse

will appear on the face of all Bills. Members of Parliament will be able to hold the Government to account in relation to fundamental principles. Ministers will have to be able to defend their policies and explain why they are necessary in a democratic society, and proportionate to any legitimate

aim pursued. Parliament does not have a good record in Strasbourg. Over twothirds of all violations found against the UK stem from legislation. With incorporation, Parliament should be less likely to breach its own required standards. JONATHAN COOPER Legal Director Liberty London SE1

Animal 'junk'

Sir: We read (Briefing, 12 May) that among the pieces of "rubbish" that apparently "plague" British motorists are the quarter of a million corpses of the animals they killed. How appalling that 54 per cent had to swerve to avoid these "objects" (swerving to avoid them before they were dead was not thought worth the trouble).

We must be grateful to Autoglass for drawing attention to this form of suffering on the part of their clients, but there is a serious omission: the human "pieces of junk" that obstruct the motorist's happy progress have not been counted. DAVID BEVAN London SW11

Lesbian mother pursued by CSA

Sir: I am a lesbian mother on Income Support who, like Lisa and Dawn Whiting, is being pursued by the Child Support Agency to name my daughter's sperm donor ("Lesbians told by CSA to name the fathers of 'pickle-jar' babies",

14 May). I don't know his real name or whereabouts. But if the CSA won't accept this, my daughter and I face a 40 per cent weekly benefit cut which will leave us with £60 a week to live on. Thousands of singlemother families have been impoverished in this way; many

more have been forced off benefits. The Act is only concerned with cutting benefits and taking away a woman's right to choose whether to have children and with whom. Otherwise, why are we targeted when women who are not on benefits or who can afford private clinics are not? How can sperm donors be treated as fathers? Do sperm and money equal fatherhood?

that the unwaged work women do caring for children and others should be valued. Yet single mothers continue to be treated as scroungers who need "real jobs". Every mother, including lesbian mothers, is a working mother and should be entitled to state support. Will New Labour abolish the 40 per cent penalty or do they support "a woman's right to choose" only before birth? KERRY DAVIS Campaign Against the Child

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Speaker's ruling encourages IRA

Sir: The ruling by the Speaker of the House of Commons to refuse Gerry Adams MP and Martin McGuinness MP facilities at the Palace of Westminster demonstrates, yet again, the hypocrisy of the British establishment. In the late 1970s and early 1980s successive British governments, both (Old) Labour and Conservative, challenged Irish Republicans to test their claims at the ballot box. Now that they have done so, the results are reputiated by the British ruling classes, and the democratic choices of Northern Ireland nationalists are set aside. It is gratifying to see that it is not only the Irish who keep changing the

question. At times one has the impression that the establishment would prefer that McGuinness and Adams had never abandoned violence. If. however, there is to be peace in Ireland it is with such groups as Sinn Fein that governments must have dialogue.

What purpose is served by the present exclusion, except to alienate further Irish nationalist opinion, and to give succour to the more militant spirits within the IRA who have always argued that Britain is not to be trusted and that nothing can be gained by constitutional means? Dr OLIVER RAFFERTY

Sir: If all candidates standing for parliamentary elections were required to take the oath of allegiance to the sovereign as they handed in their nomination papers. this would at a stroke solve the question of the status of Messrs Adams and McGuinness. JOHN BURROWS Leicester

back: he and his

wife Jane were marking the occa-sion with the kind

of House of Commons cocktail party which made their guests

almost forget there had been a general election defeat at all. Or that these familiar faces no

longer ran the country, and might not again for a decade,

perhaps even a generation. The room was humming. The

champagne glasses sparkled in the evening sunshine flooding through the open terrace win-

dows. Patrician plotted with ideologue. Lilleyite bantered

with Hagueite. The senior wranglers of Tory journalism,

the William Rees-Moggs, the Paul Johnsons, the Simon Heffers stood sagely in little groups, taking the erratic pulse of a febrile Tory establishment.

Sir Charles Powell, Mar-

garet Thatcher's former foreign affairs private secretary,

announced his intention to persuade his host, now the

incumbent of the safest Tory

seat in Britain, to stand for the

leadership as "the only hope".

For a second, in this amiable

but unpredictable atmosphere

of intrigue, you couldn't be

Clark's intention. Instead he will run next week for the

chairmanship of the 1922

committee - and incidentally. therefore, to be returning offi-

cer of the leadership contest -

on a platform which will pledge

to delay the contest on the

grounds that the party is any-thing but ready for it.

that the party membership

would finally secure a say in the choice of leader, which Clark

wants it to. If the contest were

to be delayed, Michael Hesel-

matically falls to the party's

That would entrust, not for

leader in the Lords.

One certain consequence is

That isn't, as it happens,

quite sure that it was a joke.

The future face of the Tory party

In the far reaches of the right, Lord Cranborne and Alan Clark are called in aid. In the shattered party in the Commons, William Hague remains the man of the moment. By **Donald MacIntyre**



tine, his heart problems imme-**KENNETH CLARKE, 58** diately after the election hav-Backers: David Curry, John ing disabled him from standing, Gummer, Michael Mates, ex-MEP Michael Welsh, Justin would seem the obvious interim leader to run the party Powell Tuck. Watch out for until a delayed contest in the Douglas Hurd. autumn. But some on the right, For: experienced, feared by digging deep into pre-20th cen-Labour. Some right-wingers tury history, have even come up with arcane precedents sug-gesting that in the absence of might prefer him to William Hague if he made third ballot. a real leader, the post auto-Business likes him.

Against: pro-EMU if the

conditions are right.

Faber, Peter Luff, Shaun Woodward. For: articulate, clever, track record of caring conservatism which could compete with Blair. Sceptic on EMU. A catch for any rival

Against: pre-election gaffe on EMU. Has trimmed on Europe, alienating left without convincing right.

STEPHEN DORRELL, 45

Backers: Simon Burns, David

departmental experience. Leading Euro-sceptic in previous Cabinet. Good at kicking political opponents. Against: tendency to go over the top. Not much appeal to left wing. Heartily opposed by liberals including Tory liberals

MICHAEL, HOWARD, 55.

David Davis, David Madean, all

Backers: Francis Maude,

ex-ministers of state.

For: heavyweight

WILLIAM HAGUE, 36 Backers: James Arbuthnot, James Paice, Alan Duncan (ex-Portilloist), Tim Yeo. For: youth, clean state. Popular, Rightish background with appeal to left. Against: youth, could block other aspirants for many years to come. Not rightwing enough for the hard

Angela Browning, Howard Flight, Oliver Letwin, David Wilshire, Marion Roe. For: brainy (PhD). Courageous (resigned from Cabinet to challence Major in 1995). Hugely energetic. Against: can be accused of boat-rocking in pre-election

JOHN REDWOOD, 45

Backers: lain Duncan Smith

period. Heartily disliked by Tory establishment.

the most aggressive, even

PETER LILLEY, 53 Backers: Gillian Shephard John Whittingdale (ex-Portilloist), David Willetts, Lord Archer For: formidable intellectual Many MPs' favourite candidate for Chancellor. Catch for any rival. Serious right-winger. Against: no charisma. Not easy to see in

presidential-style campaign. have Clark, and at the sugges tion of his backer Lord Archer. has Peter Lilley - for leadership elections after this one. In the short run, with a depleted membership, that would probably help the candidates of the

right. In the long run, it would

help, as the Liberal Democrats and Labour have shown, to

increase membership, something vital for the Tories. Perhaps the most arresting suggestion, with its overtones both of the Bennite Labour reforms of the early 1980s and of the more modernising shift to One Member One Vote democracy, comes from Michael Fallon, an ex-minister who lost his seat in 1992 and has now returned as MP for Sevenoaks. He is proposing a recorded vote of MPs, with ballots of constituency parties. also recorded. An immediate

effect would be to make it

much more difficult for MPs to

vote (currently they do so in secret) against the wishes of their local parties. grop to and the of co

So who is it to be? Conventional wisdom has it that Redwood's support has severely shrunk since 1995; John Major told a friend he would not get more than 30 votes. That Howard has been seriously, perhaps fatally, damaged by the Widdecombe attack (Interestingly, moreover, it is said that it was Tory grandees rather than his younger lieutenants who privately per-suaded William Hague to renounce the short-lived pact he had made over champagne with Howard, and which might have made Howard a shoe-in.) That Dorrell, by moving to from the left kerb to the middle of the road will get run over. That Lilley, though most attractive to the ideological purists of the right, lacks the charisma to break through at the finish. And that Clarke, even if he has a strong, perhaps, given the serious split on the right, the strongest, showing in the first ballot, will not be able significantly to increase his vote in the second, let alone, if he makes it, in the runoff. And that Hague, with his Majorish qualities of appealing to both wings of the party, looks the front-runner.

ut conventional wisdom has been wrong before. Consider this new and counter-intuitive theory: that on the single currency, the theological issue that most divides the Tory party (theological because it will not actually be the Tories taking the decision over whether to join) and on which Clarke has promised a free vote. Clarke's election would actually make entry into a single currency less likely in the next parliament than that of any other leader.

Why? Clarke has a strongly traditional view that the function of an opposition, rather like the lawyer he is fulfilling a brief, is to oppose. If the Blair Cabinet were to decide in favour of EMU entry. Clarke might well argue that it was the wrong moment, that the criteria had been fudged, that it might be economically damaging, that it could put at risk popular support for the EU. And would be listened to by business. If it were Howard and Lilley, their opposition might be ignored because it was ideological, and Clarke, on the back benches, would lead a rump of business-backed Tories in support of the Government. Well, it is only a theory,

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though an ingenious one. But whether or not it is Hague who squeaks home - as looks likely - the party should listen to Clarke. In a Daily Telegraph article vesterday he was uncompromising in his message that the Tories have to demonstrate they can "combine a social conscience with economic competence". The worst mistake the candidates could now make would be to think that all they need to win an election is a Peter Mandelson. True, mem-bership is old and small. True, the councillor activist base has crumbled. Organisation is a problem, but it wasn't organisation wet lost it.

the first time, the party to a Salisbury, putting Lord Cranborne leave the contest till after the in charge until the party's great summer, most of these cars will and good decided the moment have lost their wheels," one senior Tory MP said, conhad come and that, who knows, temptuously contemplating a Chris Patten or a Michael Portillo had won a by-election today's leadership field. A good deal of this is exotic and laid claim to lead the oppospeculation. Clark's chances

of securing the chairmanship against duller rivals like Archie Hamilton, John MacGregor (probable favourite if Sir Norman Fowler does not run) and John Butterfill cannot be ruled out. It isn't only that Clark would add a dash of style to a

party in shock. It is also that in an atmosphere in which MPs in once safe seats ruefully compare the sizes of each other's now fragile majorities, Clark's 54 per cent in Kensington and Chelsea gives him mandate few can claim.

Apart from the leadership candidates themselves, it is the new MPs or those ex-ministers like Clark who have returned from the wilderness who appear to have the most energy and appetite for opposition. For them, after all, the result of 1 May was a victory as well as a defeat. It would be rash to dismiss the possibility that Clark, outsider though he may be, could be the 1922 chairman. But it looks unlikely that the leadership contest will, in the end, be delayed. Loose wheels or not, the motors are running. And how. One experienced

but undecided MP sums up events from polling day: Friday

wood; Bank Holiday Monday, calls from Stephen Dorrell and Michael Howard, the latter preceded, on the Sunday evening, by a pro-Howard MP enquiring whether he would be in the following day to take a call from the former Home Secretary. A mention to a fellow MP that he was undecided is followed within minutes by a call from Nigel Evans, a key member of the Hague team, to say that "William would love it if you could come in and have a chat with him." A chance encounter with Kenneth

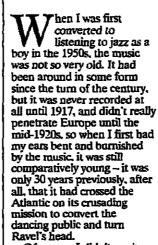
2 May, a call from John Red-

Clarke followed by a genial lunch in the Commons tea room. The former Chancellor, typically, made no effort at a hard sell, althoughhis team is in earnest and is already claiming 30 firm pledges along with 10 - 20 less firm ones. Nothing, yet, from Peter Lilley. The Howard campaign looks though its key members deny that they were responsible for the counter-attack on Ann Widdecombe after her claim that Howard has misled the Commons over the sacking of the former prisons boss Derek Lewis. Widdecombe, it was said, backed Lewis because she had a crush on him. Whatever the source, this outlandish claim has done more damage to Howard than to his tormentor, who will continue to harry Howard despite predictably failing to secure Commons time yesterday to air her grievances.

One of the most interesting long-term developments of the leadership battle is the slow. tentative flowering of the democratic impulse in the Tory party. Robin Hodgson, chairman of the National Union of Conservative Associations, has consistently pressed for the

members to have a say. So now

All that jazz – one hundred years of it in jazz. This year, for instance,



Of course, I didn't see it that way. I didn't think that jazz was a recently arrived music. The 1920s and 1930s. separated from me by the burnt-out years of a long World War, seemed a long way off to a young lad in the 1950s, and when I read Eddie Condon's glamorous and funny account of life under Prohibition (or H L Mencken's pyrotechnics from the same era), it seemed as far away to me as George V or the people in funny clothes who jerked about in Laurel and Hardy shorts - impossibly

though these people who played this wonderful music were no older, many of them, than my parents.

My mother, in fact, could have met and seen many of them. She was American and she had grown up in New York in the 1920s. I never associated my mother with jazz (the only time I played records of the stuff to her, she came out with the maddening line that all mothers use on such occasions, "Very nice, dear") and I found it quite hard to associate her housewifely status with the Roaring Twenties, but as I was fingering a Louis Armstrong record one day, it occurred to me that it was recorded in New York at the very same time that my mother was a teenager there. I reeled at the

thought.
"Did you ever go and see Louis Armstrong when he was playing in a club in New York?" I asked innocently. She inquired who Louis

Armstrong was.
"Oh, no!" she said, when better informed. "My father would never have let me go to a place like that." Nor did there seem to be



Miles Kington

any regret in her voice. What a waste of a youth, I Over the years I have seen

musicians who were not much older than my mother but nevertheless in almost at the birth of jazz, from Louis Armstrong to Duke Ellington, and Red Allen to Benny Waters, so I have come round to thinking of jazz as rather all within living memory. So it has come as a shock this week to find jazz celebrating a

centenary. Centenaries, after all,

is Brahms's centenary. He died 100 years ago. He deserves a year to himself. Fair enough. Bring on the concerts, let off the fireworks. But Brahms-time is a long time ago, a long time before jazz, surely?

Wrong. The same year

Brahms died, one of the great jazz improvisers arrived. Sidney Bechet was born in New Orleans on May 14 1897, a hundred years ago (and died, oddly, on exactly the same day in 1959). I never saw him in the flesh, but I came across his searing soprano saxophone on record 40 years ago, so searing that I have never become indifferent to it and still sweat faintly when I hear it. He came from a French-patois-speaking black family in New Orleans, and in his last years, he settled down in France as their grand old man of jazz, even though as a young man he had spent a year in prison in France after letting a pistol off in a

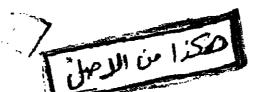
You'd think that a brown Creole boy from New Orleans would grow up playing rather elegant music, as all the other

musicians' brawl ...

brown-skinned Creole musicians with French names tended to (Achille Baquet, Omer Simeon, Albert Nicholas, Leon "Barney" Bigard and so on) but Bechet was too passionate to be elegant. As the excellent Russell Davies pointed out in his current Radio 3 series on him, Bechet liked to dominate his surroundings both musically and personally. which is no doubt why he ended up playing with lumbering French trad bands who accompanied him like porters accompanying a VIP traveller, but when he was delicate, nobody could be more delicate. The first time I went to France I found a lovely Sidney Becher record on a jukebox, not to mention a bit of Mozart, which was my first inkling that France takes culture too seriously, but in retrospect it's hard to see who else they could have included on their roster, unless perhaps Django Reinhardt. And now you are a

hundred years old in your absence, Sidney. Well, happy birthday, old man. I shall get your records out tonight and toast you in something intoxicating.





Legal battles loom over genetically engineered produce, says Danny Penman

Disythe poor chemical companies. They've spent decades and hundreds of millions engineered food labelled, and several of them of pounds investing in genetically engineered crops and then the selfish consumers come along, sniff about a bit and then audaclously refuse to part with their cash.

Multinational chemical companies may regard genetically modified foods as progress but, to the majority of consumers, it conjures up images of deranged scientists, nasty chemical companies and mutant killer tomatoes. The industry is accustomed to this response,

which is why it employs legions of smooth-talk-ing PR execs to reassure consumers. But it's also acutely aware that reassurance has its limits the best policy is to get the consumer to buy the products without realising it. This is why, presunably, chemical companies have been battling against the labelling of genetically engineered food. Without labelling, there is no choice, which means, the shopper has to buy the genetically modified food.

This strategy would have paid off handsomely were it not for the European Commission. which has just decided that all genetically engineered foods must be clearly

labelled. Products, such as margarine made from oils derived from engineered crops will also have to be clearly marked. The Commission's decision

turns the economics of geneti-cally altered crops on its head and could well spell the end of such foods in Europe. In future, food will have to be segregated into separate streams - "natural" and genetically modified. This will have a particularly dramatic impact on soya, which is the only modified crop currently shipping in bulk.
Roundup Ready soya, designed by Monsanto,

has been engineered to produce an enzyme that makes it immune to the company's own Roundup herbicide. This makes weeding soya fields a doddle. Farmers simply have to spray their fields with the herbicide to kill the weeds and leave the soya intact.

Monsanto, which produces the modified soya, stood to make handsome profits. The company receives royalties from seed companies and it would also have seen dramatic increases in the sales of its Roundup herbicide. Under the Commission's proposals, American fariners, who produce 50 per cent of the world's soya supply and export about a quarter of their crop to Europe, will have to grow the modified crop in segregated fields. It will then have to be harvested, transported, stored and shipped to Europe in separate and clearly defined streams. This enforced segregation will make the crop more expensive, and the consumer, in any case, is extremely unlikely to buy it.

The prospects of Novartis's Bt Maize, which has been engineered to poison many of its usual pests, are also likely to be severely damaged. Another crop likely to be hit by the decision is french fries. Novel types of corn, rape seed and sugar beet resistant to Monsanto's Roundup are also likely to be stillborn.

The Commission's decision is a major victory for an unprecedented alliance of consumer groups, churches, environmentalists, farmers, food processors and retailers. These organisa-

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have been calling for it to be banned. Opposi-tion to genetically engineered food has been muted in Britain but it is a major issue in virtually every other developed nation. In Austria, a fifth of the electorate has signed a petition demanding a ban on genetically engineered food. Governments in Italy, Austria and Luxembourg have banned farmers from growing modified Bt maize. The European Parliament has been involved in a long-running battle with the Commission. It's a battle the Parliament now

appears to have won.
But as recently as last month, the Parliament and Commission were at loggerheads over the issue. On April 8, the European Parliament censured the Commission, by 407 votes to 2, for allowing "trade considerations" to dominate the decision to allow the genetically modified Bt maize into the EU and demanded that "food safety and health considerations should have priority in the future". The Parliament also deplored the fact that "the Commission did

not take sufficient account of the precautionary principle with regard to the health of consumers, the protection of the environment and the concerns of producers" on an issue that "has implications for each and every EU citizen". Now, after pressure from virtu-ally every quarter, the Commis-sion has fallen into line with consumers and Parliamentarians. But US farmers, chemical com-

panies and other interests are unlikely to take Europe's decision lying down. Ten per cent of this year's American soya crop is Roundup Ready and the US Department of Agriculture is already in urgent talks with the European Commission to try to force it to reverse its decision.

Europe's ban is probably illegal under World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules. Restricting the import of soya by "unreasonable labelling is almost certainly a non-tariff barrier to trade and therefore illegal. America has taken the view that genetically modified crops are safe and claims that they are no different to conventional varieties and, therefore, need not be labelled. European consumer groups, envi-ronmentalists and farmers say the risks are unquantifiable and therefore should not be taken. On this issue, the WTO is likely to fall in behind the Americans.

The European Commission will come under great pressure over the coming months to teverse its decision. It will have to decide whether the wishes of the people of Europe or US trade interests come first.

Risks associated with genetically modified crops - if there are any - are probably unquantifiable. But one thing is certain - trade interests have an abysmal record of assessing risk. The mad cow disease fiasco, the decimation of wildlife by DDT and the human costs of Chernobyl and Bhopal do not engender a feeling of confidence in risk-assessment capabilities of scientists, policy makers and industrialists.

That is why labelling is such a hot issue. Without it, the public has no choice but to accept the risks doled out to them. But in this game, the risk makers won't be the risk takers.

Money can't buy the gift of life

by Suzanne Moore

he ghastly game of "Whose foetus is it anyway?" has been played out in public this week by Sonja and Clemens Peters and Karen Roche, dubbed the "Surrohate" mother. The Peterses had paid Roche £12,000 to be the surrogate mother of their child. Roche said earlier this week that she had aborted the baby, then yesterday admitted that

she was lying.

Most of us shrug our shoulders in confusion – the prospect of womb-renting is not one that most women relish. To carry a baby to term and then give it away, we imagine, is terribly painful, though it is exactly what anti-abortionists advocate for those who find themselves with unwanted pregnancies. When surrogacy goes wrong, we use this as evidence that we must not try and outwit nature. When it goes right, as it did last week for a grandmother who handed over three babies to a couple, we read headlines such

as "Our triplet gift of joy".

Karen Roche appears to be equally muddled. She has lied, saying that she had an abortion because she wanted to keep the child. She suddenly felt "terribly trapped. I had no idea how much publicity the story would get". The Peterses were paid by the Daily Mirror for their story. They are hurt and damaged; the details of this case confirm that what such desperate couples are most in need of is counselling and care. After five miscarriages and 16 attempts at artificial insemination they turned to surrogacy as their last hope.

Surrogacy, which has been described as a "uniquely distasteful form of prostitution", is fraught with difficulties. Commercial surrogacy is outlawed here. However, "expenses" may be paid, which is a way of getting around the law. But it automatically puts the childless couple at a disadvantage, as they will have no rights before birth and few afterwards. To become legal parents they need the permission of the surrogate (the woman who gives birth is treated as the mother). And the genetic father is only considered the legal father if he is married to the mother.

Even when money changes hands, the relationship has to be based on trust. Despite the Peters/Roche case, approximately 200 surrogate births





A message of the recent surrogate case is that couples have no right to fertility

have taken place in the last 10 years, without any controversy. The grisly details of this case have focused on whether Roche had "proper" sex with Peters or was artificially inseminated. This is none of anyone's business but we are increasingly preoccupied with "natural" and 'unnatural" methods of conception. Stories of lesbians, turkey basters and pickle jars frighten the horses, or more particularly, the horsemen. Virgin births, babies born to dykes on the dole and children disgustingly referred to as "jar

babies" have all made the news. The transfer of bodily fluids is all that is required for conception, but the idea of a free exchange unfettered by marital contracts is threatening. Are men to be reduced from dads to donors? Is conception without penetration an "unnatural act"? We can accept all this when it is highly medicalised in the hands of doctors, but when it is a DIY effort we are deeply uncomfortable.

If we are to legislate, the central sticky issue, so to speak, is sperm. Once sperm is donated donor either the right to be a suggest that men have always been very good at denying the link between sex and reproduction, yet we shouldn't forget that the severing of that link has been an enormous liberation for women. Women of my generation have grown up safe in the knowledge that sex does not automatically lead to babies. Sex can be had for its

Reproduction is some-thing we fit into busy schedules. Such a split is necessary for surrogacy to work at all, and yet surprise, surprise, something wholly illogical rears its head from time to time. Karen Roche wants to keep the baby that is growing inside her even though she agreed to give it away. Is this wrong? The Peterses now say: "It's bard to believe that this woman is actually a human being". I sympathise, but they are wrong. It's very easy to believe this woman is a human being. She has said

one thing and done another.

The call for new laws is a call or paid for, does that give the to legislate rationally over a thoroughly irrational area.

father or the onus to pay for the child's upkeep? Cynics might dren have to be scrutinised in a way that those who can never are, their suitability for par-enthood assessed by panels of experts. Money talks, of course, and it is taken as a sign of eminent suitability. In such a transaction, a child, or the fantasy of a child, inevitably becomes a commodity. Our confusion is apparent in

the way our vocabulary slips and slides around this issue. Children, we say, preciously, are not commodities or lifestyle accessories - they are for life, not just for Christmas. Childlessness is described as a tragedy and reproduction is spoken of as a right. Therefore, if everyone has the right to have a child, the medical establishment has an obligation to treat childlessness as if it were a

I fail to see that reproduct-

ion is a "right" any more than "good health" is a right. Such talk casts childless couples as militant campaigners struggling for what they have been deprived of. How this helps do anything except line the pockets of those peddling largely unsuccessful IVF

The other way of describing children is as "gifts". As mawkish as this sounds, it is perhaps the most sensible way to look at it. A gift relationship is, as we know, very different to a commercial relationship. It depends on trust, on reciprocity, on respect. We may all like gifts but we do not see them as our right. We don't ask too much

about where they come from. The Peterses thought they had bought a gift that in the end Karen Roche could not bear to part with. You cannot steal a gift nor insist that it is rightfully

Such idealism is a long way from a situation in which babies are bought and sold. We cannot legislate it into existence any more than we can persuade society to value the children it has already produced instead of haggling over the ownership of those yet unborn.

Legislation is what everyone asks for when no one knows what to do, but we must think carefully. In what other area would you willingly increase the power of the state to tell women what to do with their own bodies?

Looking the wrong way

Chile's private pensions have been hailed as a model system. But they exclude half the population, says Peter Townsend

government's agenda. Tony Blair said so at the dispatch box and much has been made of his appointing Frank Field to spearhead such reform.

Those who speak of reforming welfare often cite the private pensions system in Chile as a useful model. At a public lecture in London last week. Dr Jose Pinera, the architect of the Chilean reform, explained what he thought Britain should do; but few yet appreciate what a poor case he has to

The Chilean model was used by the Conservatives in their manifesto plan to privatise pensions - which so enraged Labour when it was announced. Only weeks earlier Peter Lilley had announced plans to introduce a private pension scheme for all young people entering employment, using the shrinking relative value of the basic state pension to subsidise their contributions to private schemes. He also announced that the State Earnings-Related Pensions Scheme would be abolished.

But has Chile's model anything to teach Labour? The House of Commons crossparty social security committee visited the country last year. Its members appear to have been impressed. They should have looked more closely.

The Chilean scheme dates back to 1981, the middle of the 17 years of Proochet's military dictatorship. A new scheme of individual worker contributions replaced one based on combined contributions from workers, their employers and the state. It was administered by private, profit-making bodies known as administrators of pension funds. They are rather like the "approved societies" which administered social insurance in Britain in the 1930s, which social historians such as Noel Whiteside explained had to be replaced because of their inade-

quacy in the 1940s. People were enticed to leave the state scheme in Chile by becoming entitled to place their accumulated contributions to the state scheme into a private alternative. That represented a systematic switch of resources from the public to the private

viability of what was left of the state scheme. Each year about a quarter of the state's budget went to meet those pay-outs. Inequality widened and by 1989, 44 per cent of the population lived in poverty.

The long period of military rule ended in 1990 with the inauguration of President Patricio Alwyun, succeeded in 1993 by Eduardo Frei, supported by a democratic coalition government of centre and left-wing parties. Its principal objective was "growth with equity". However, the dual model of social welfare, which had been

The UN expected to report favourably but was highly critical

established during the 17 years of military dictatorship, persisted, and deepened. Chilean analysts such as Pilar Vergara have explained it in depth. In the early 1990s, poverty was reduced but that was more to do with higher levels of economic growth after a period of recession than with the social policies of the Alwyn and, from 1993, the Frei administrations. By 1994, it

was increasing again.
In the mid-1990s, in an international review of privatisation, the UN Conference on Trade and Development expected to report favourably on Chilean pensions but came up with a highly critical analysis. For nearly half the population, the scheme had simply not delivered. By 1991 only 52 per cent of those in the labour force were contributors. An "important" proportion of them were going to end up with "acquired benefits less than the guaranteed minimum". The costs of fees and commissions for private pensions remained high and often unnecessarily excessive. Exclusion

ensions reform is high on the Labour sector and undermined the financial from membership because of loss of jobs, loss of entitlement for those floating insecurely from one temporary and often parttime job to another - together with the growth of hazardous self-employment and poverty, and late payment of contributions by employers - had dashed the hopes, and intention, of establishing a near-touniversal scheme.

The UN concluded that a fresh balance needed to be struck between the public and private sector, whereby state pay-as-you-go schemes are strengthened and are combined with individual capitalisation schemes. The best alternative, they believed - preferably to be adopted across the world - would be a three-tier pension system: the first being a universal defined-benefits pay-as-you-go state scheme, combin-ing flat-rate and earnings-related components (jointly providing 30-40 per cent of average earnings upon retirement); the second a "compulsorily-defined-con-tributions individua) capitalisation scheme"; and the third personal voluntary contributions to secure a higher replacement rate

of previous earnings.
The welfare reforms of the 1990s seem to have made little difference to an unequal society and an unequal pensions system. Consensus style politics can allow powerful institutional players to override participants who are weakly organised and poor. In Chile in the 1990s, the administration ran up against resistance from business and rightwing opposition parties to its tax-reform policies and was stripped of an essential tool to reduce social inequalities. Proposals to extend labour law reforms to non-unionised workers also made no headway.

Analysis of the country's income distribution shows that social policy has become ineffectual as an instrument of redistribution. Privatisation has created a dual welfare system, in which services of good quality financed from high incomes co-exist with a depleted and under-financed state system for those who cannot afford the alternative.

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Hello, is there anyone there?

Dear Anna,

I've never written to an agony aunt before but I have this problem. I can't get away from this feeling that no one listens when I speak. Whenever I say anything it is just greeted with a deafening silence. What should I do? Anna? Anna? Are you listening? Is there anyone out there?

was pleased to hear that Anna Raeburn is taking a pay cut. It's not that I have anything against agony aunts making money out of other people's distress. (How could a ournalist object to that?) It's not even just that taking a drop in salary from £180,000 a year will help her to identify more with the problems of us ordinary folk. She has jacked in her annal

problem page with Liberty Radio, the London station backed by Mohamed al Fayed - of Harrods and plain brown envelope fame - and moved back to ber old slot on Talk Radio where she is reported to earn a mere £100.000. The problem at Liberty, which was previously an all-woman station called Viva – or Vulva as Bob Geldof used rather nudely to call it -was that no one used to ring for her advice. The station only has 93,000 listeners (according to one week's official ratings) and the straighttalking counsellor was reduced

to playing records.

I find this rather reassuring. It shows that large amounts of money don't always buy people. Not just Ms Raeburn, though one must applaud her self-respect in deciding that megadosh was not ample recompense for broadcasting into a vacuum. But it shows that even in our marketing-driven world

you can't buy audiences either. There have been earlier signs of this. Sky TV recently decided to "rest" Selina Scott's chat show less than six months after signing what the Murdoch tabloids reported as a £1m contract. One non-Murdoch tabloid recently reported that one of her shows attracted an audience of just 6,000 viewers. (Sky's average is 300,000 and its top shows get a million.)

denominator celebrity culture, hibricated with large amounts of dosh, they can't, it seems fool all the people all of the time. We should have learnt that from Kevin Costner's movie turkey Waterworld, Topol's gruesomely amateurish West End musical Ziegfield, or HarperCollins' £3.5m advance for the memoirs of Margaret Thatcher which turned out to be a loss leader in every sense of the term, failing to recoup anything like the amount paid out for it, in one of Rupert Murdoch's rare, but spectacular, miscalculations.

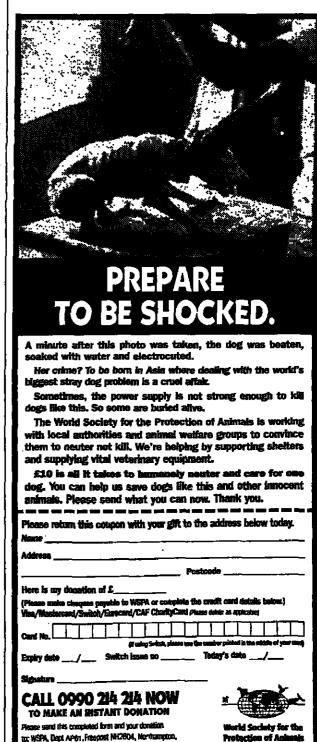
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This celebration of the failure of celebrity is not mere schadenfreude. It is rather a salutary comfort to the rest of us nonfamous plodders who are haplessly mired in a puritan work ethic which - terribly anachronistically - links reward with effort and sound planning.

One other example comes to mind. That unhappy football team, Middlesbrough - about to be relegated from the Premier League - made the mistake of thinking that grafting £27m of foreign flair on to dull base stock could buy them success. But I am too superstitious to say any more about that before the Cup Final on Saturday.

Paul Vallely

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BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Inflation hits 2.5% target and is expected to go lower

Earnings growth

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

Inflation hit its target for the first time in more than two years last mouth. In the latest in a flow of rosy economic statistics, figures yesterday showed the underlying rate of retail price inflation declined to 2.5 per cent in April from 2.7 per cent in March.

The news that Kenneth Clarke had delivered on his promise to hit the target by the end of the last parliament came a month too late for the Conservatives. Michael Saunlomon Brothers, said: "Ken Clarke could be forgiven a quiet moment of self-congrat-

Figures earlier in the week showed the last government had bequeathed the new one lower inflation at the factory gate, a big fall in claimant unemployment last month and somewhat slower-than-expect-

ed earnings growth. Inflation is likely to fall even lower during the next few months due to the impact of the strong pound on prices further back in the chain. But most

that the target measure will then start to climb again thanks to the strength of the economy. Sharp falls in seasonal food

prices, especially vegetables, helped take the target inflation measure, the retail price index less mortgage interest payments, down to the 2.5 per cent target for the first time since December 1994. The headline level of retail

prices increased by 0.6 per cent during April, while the an-nual rate fell to 2.4 per cent from 2.6 per cent in March. Seasonal foods last month cost 13.5 per cent less than a year ago. Vegetables such as

fallen sharply in price during the past two months.

Petrol prices fell slightly in

April, and the rate of increase in goods prices slowed further. Even so, retailers have taken advantage of lower costs

"The core components of goods price inflation remain stubbornly high, despite collapsing producer and import price inflation," said Adam Cole at James Capel.

This echoed a remark in the Bank of England's Inflation Report earlier this week. The Bank noted that the passthrough from the higher exchange rate to retail prices had not been as big as past ex-

perience would have suggested. The price of services increased at a much faster rate.

as a result of the strength of the pound to build up their margins.

than high street goods prices in the year to April. At 3.3 per cent, it was almost twice as high as goods inflation of 1.7 per

> Paul Turnbull at Merrill Lynch said: "The inflation outlook this year is pretty good but looking further ahead there will be an upturn."

> He added that it would be a modest increase, especially now the Bank of England can set interest rates indepen-

Other analysts were still more optimistic about price cts. Jonathan Loynes at . HSBC Markets said: "The very a period of greater stability."

steep fall in factory gate inflation over the last year is feeding through to the retail environment. The process has much further to go.

Separate figures yesterday showed an increase in the level of mortgage advances in April, rather than the usual seasonal decline. But Barclays Mortgages said the growth in lending was lower in than pre-vious months.

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Jim Chadwick, marketing director, said: "The dampening of growth in demand for mortgages should be seen as beneficial to the market, heralding

Regional

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Adscene, the regional newspa

per publisher, is holding "seri-ous talks" with a potential

bidder, according to industry

sources. A takeover would be

the latest sign of further ratio-nalisation of the regional news-

Harry Lambert, the group's

chairman and chief executive,

is understood to have received

tentative approaches from sev-

eral regional newspaper groups.

Cathy Newman

paper market.

BT would challenge windfall tax in court

Business Correspondent

British Telecom's relations with the new Government were thrown into turmoil yesterday after an unexpected interven-tion by Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman, who warned the company may challenge Labour's planned windfall tax through the courts.

In a declaration which surprised even fellow directors, Sir lain also revealed he had voted Labour at the last election, adding he would not have done so had he believed BT would be included in the tax.

"I for one would not have voted Labour if it had been in the manifesto," he said as BT revealed annual profits of £3.2bn, a 4.7 per cent increase on the year before. Government sources said they were astonished by the outburst, which showed "political naivety"

Asked to confirm how he had voted. Sir Iain said "Labour". adding that it was not the only occasion he had supported the party in an election. Robert Brace, BT finance director, said it was the first time he had heard Sir Iain reveal his political affiliations in public.

Sir Iain insisted BT had received no indication from the Treasury whether it would have to pay the tax. "We have had no discussions with the Government. It is a long step from being considered to being taxed." with the Government would not vestment bank, suggested the

However he made clear that BT would use the legal system to fight the policy, to be included in next month's budget, though it was too early to say whether this would be in the UK

or through the European Court.
"No Labour spokesman or minister has referred to BT in the context of the windfall tax. There's been no statement before the election and therefore the Government was not man-

ball away and we wouldn't do so," said Sir Iain. He said the

statement, before the poll, appeared to widen the tax base to include BT, airports operator BAA and Railtrack. Gordon Brown, now chancellor, said the tax would apply to "privatised companies that are licensed and regulated by statute".

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"It would be the fiduciary duty of the BT board to challenge this in the courts and we would not hesitate to do so."

mation superhighway for free and was hoping for an early end to the ban on broadcasting entertainment down its phone lines. It also wanted the goahead to buy the 40 per cent of the Celinet mobile phone net-

work it does not already own. Sir Iain insisted BT's relations issue was "a storm in a teacup". Labour's most recent policy

BAA supported the attack

last night, confirming it was tak-

ing legal advice on the tax. Des

Wilson, BAA director, said:

view would be quite perverse 9

Sir Iain denied his attack was linked to other issues under discussion with the Government. BT has offered to connect schools to the infor-

"Frankly the way we have been allowed to be included in the speculation about the tax is unfair and verges on irresponsibility." Estimates of BT's liability vary widely. Soon-to-be published research on the tax by the London Business School (LBS) has suggested BT could pay £1.1bn, based on a £5bn tax levied on shareholder returns in the three years after privatisation. Using the same timescale Goldman Sachs, the US in-

be damaged by the intervention. figure would be £318m. Both groups agree that on other groups agree that on other measures BT could pay nothing. because recent returns for investors have been disappointing

Sir lain repeated yesterday that BT was no longer a utility. "We're not a monopoly, we're not a utility. To line BT up with the monopoly utilities for punishment in my view would be quite perverse." Though the UK phone market has been open to full competition since 1991, BT has held onto most of its customer base. It still has 91 per cent of residential telephone lines. Last year its number of residential lines fell by 110,000 to 20.4 million, mainly due to competition from cable companies. Turnover from international calls fell by 16 per cent during the fourth quarter of last year to £416m. However operating profits in the same period rose by 19.6 per cent to £695m, reflecting lower redundancy costs.

Martin Siner, economist with LBS, said BT's defence was largely irrelevant. "The argument has no impact because in the past, when the windfall gains were made, BT wasn't exposed to the same level of competition."

British Gas, renamed BG. also declined to rule out a legal challenge as it announced a 23 per cent fall in current cost pretax profits in the three months to the end of March, to £711m. "It's just speculation about what lie opposition to the tax, refus- its to £558.4m before tax. lan



Sir lain Vallance: "I would not have voted Labour if [a tax on BT] had been in the manifesto"

anybody would do. We need to see the legislation," said Philip Hampton, finance director. ScottishPower vesterday

sought to contrast its less pub-

Swiss Bank Corporation

snapped up US investment

bank Dillon Read yesterday in

a \$600m (£366m) deal that

confirmed the high prices being paid for a slice of Wall Street's

corporate finance and advisory

work. The acquisition followed hot on the heels of the collapse

of talks between Dillon and its

ing to comment beyond insisting that any dialogue would be

made directly with the Treasury. The group announced a 38 per cent surge in annual prof-

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The absence of a meaningful

presence in the US has been

seen as a blind spot for War-

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The deal follows a previous at-

tempt to gain a US toehold

struck quickly after Dillon's

management decided to shun

ING in order to forge a link with

Russell, ScottishPower's finance director, said the company was in talks with several non-utilitv businesses about expanding its domestic gas operations.

than ING's proposed bid.

Dillon Read was believed to

be in talks with other parties

even while negotiating with

ING. Its partners had an option

to buy ING's 25 per cent stake

which the Dutch group said it

expected them to exercise when

talks ended. Dillon's partners

are believed to have had the

right to buy the stake back at

book value, which put them in

a strong position to negotiate

Analysts said that while the cost of Dillon Read was high, the crucial element of the deal

would be the clauses dictating

how key personnel would fit in

within the new group. The re-lationship nature of Dillon

Read's business will make it

important that partners are

locked into the merged entity to

tee of not being turned into a

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player without the capitalisation

keep the firm's client base. For Dillon Read the deal not only means a windfall for the partners, but also the guaran-

with other parties.

and has apparently held formal talks with one of them. Mis Lambert was unavailable for comment yesterday. The sources said the publishers likely to have made moves to acquire the group in-cluded Northcliffe Newspapers, part of the Daily Mail and General Trust, Trinity International Holdings and Johnston Press. Southnews is understood to have shied away from mak-

ing a bid because it believed the asking price was too high. Adscene has a market capitalisation of around £31m on last night's unchanged closing price of 142.5p. Adscene's shares have jumped over the past few weeks, leading to speculation that a bid was in the offing. Al-

take decisive action soon as the company has experienced difficulties over the past year. Adscene issued a profits warning this time a year ago blaming slower-than-expected economic growth, snow in the

though Mr Lambert is known to

have flirted with possible preda-

tors in the past, he may need to

Midlands, and a further rise in newsprint prices.
Investors have also become concerned about the strength of the company's management. Robert Broadley was appointed finance director in March but the group has failed to recruit

a managing director despite several months of looking. Analysts have expressed con-cerns that the publisher did not have sufficient management expertise to cope with its ampitious expansion strategy. In December 1995, Adscene paid £19.5m for the Tamworth Herald group and the 51 per cent of the Lichfield Mercury group it did not already own. At the same time, it bought Emap's Kent newspapers for £9.85m.

The markets have also reacted adversely to delays to the promised sale of the print divi-sion. The former finance director, Nigel Chevin-Hall, and printing director, Charles Grant-Salmon, resigned last November to head a proposed buyout of the printing division, but their offer does not appear to have been ac-

cepted by Mr Lambert. Adscene publishes more than 80 regional newspapers in Kent. Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Lincolnshire, London, and the

Germany goes on gold raid to qualify for EMU

Imre Karacs

In its desperation to qualify for European Monetary Union, ing the gold hoard of the Bundesbank

Like a Wagnerian god, Theo Waigel, the finance minister, descended on Frankfurt yesterday, ordering the gnomes of the central bank to revalue their gold and foreign exchange, and to redeem some of the state's debts with the proceeds. No bullion will be sold, the government insists, but the price of gold fell

on the first rumours. Throughout its short history, the cautious Bundesbank has grossly underestimated the value of its gold, some of which is still stored in the central bank vaults of Germany's allies. In accordance with standard German practice, the bank records its assets at their all-time lowest price or at the purchase price. A revaluation could bring a huge windfall profit to the bank.

In gold alone, the Bundesbank holds 95 million ounces, originally acquired at an average

Statistics as of 15 May

adding up to a total value of DM13.7bn (£5bn). At the current market value of about DM600 an ounce, it would be worth about DM57bn.

This is the loot on which Mr Waigel has set his eyes in order to plug a hole in his budget. Germany, once the most disciplinarian among Europe's profligate governments, is on course for busting the Maastricht criteria in 1997, the qualifying That much has been known

for some time, but only yesterday, when an independent panel of government advisers issued their damning verdict, did Mr Waigel accept it. According to the panel, tax revenues this year would be DM18bn lower than forecast by Mr Waigel's ministry, equivalent to 0.5 per cent of GDP. Just over half the shortfall would be a hole in the central budget; the rest would be down to regional and local

With the official government forecast reckoning on a budget deficit of 2.9 per cent, this pre-dicted shortfall takes govern-

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price of DM144 an ounce, ment expenditure over the 3 per cent deficit ceiling allowed by the Maastricht Treaty. The loss in tax revenue is attributed mainly to this year's huge rise in unemployment and slowerthan-predicted growth rate.

How the government will use the proceeds of its gold raid, which violates, if not the letter, then certainly the spirit of the Maastricht Treaty, is left unclear. Mr Waigel said that no cash would actually flow into state coffers. The Bundesbank surplus will be used to redeem debt accumulated in rebuilding East Germany. The government's gain is that it will no longer bear the burden of interest on these debts, thus reducing both the total figure for public debt and the annual to-

> It is, according to one expert, "a fiddle". Under European Union rules, inspired largely by Germany, member states are not allowed to reduce their deficit by selling gold reserves. The rules are more ambiguous on the question of whether treasuries are allowed to tinker with the valuation of their assets.

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tal for public expenditure.



Caught short: Theo Waigel has to plug a budget hole

Either way, Mr Waigel's manocuvre is the sort of "one-off measure" of dubious legality which he has accused the Italians of perpetrating, and only slightly less "creative" than the French government's raid on France Telecom pensions.

etous eyes on the semi-privahidden wealth.

After a successful flotation last year. Bonn still owns 74 per cent of Deutsche Telekom shares, which have risen by more than 40 per cent in value since their issue.

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Mr Waigel has also cast covtised German telephone giant's

times book value. Hans de Gier, chairman and

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through an agreement to share research with Dean Witter. former 40 per cent sharehold-Founded in 1832, Dillon Read er, ING, the Dutch financial services group that owns Barings. SBC said it would merge has 730 employees in its offices in four American cities as well Dillon Read with Warburgs, as London, Paris and Tokyo, Last the British investment bank it year, the firm was among the bought two years ago, providleading mergers and acquisiing the deal was approved by the tions advisors, having complet-US Federal Reserve Board. Aled 50 deals with an aggregate though the price paid represents value of \$45bn. The company is around three times Dillon's also active in the high yield. book value, SBC said it did not equity and private placement markets, having completed transactions valued at over \$5bn believe the acquisition would result in a material dilution of earnings. The Warburgs acquiin these markets in 1996. sition in 1995 was struck at one The terms of the deal were

chief executive of SBC Warburg. said: "The creation of a strong US-based franchise, centred

a stronger global player. SBC's offer is understood to have CURRENCIES

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needed to compete with the first-tier players. West Midlands. Midland to create 600 phone banking jobs

Midland Bank is to create up to 600 jobs in Scotland with the opening of its fourth telephone banking centre. Some 200 people will be recruited for the new Customer Service Centre at Lochside Court on the Edinburgh Business Park this year, with the remaining 400 posts being filled when the site is fully occupied in 1998.

Midland said it was expanding from its two sites in England and one in Wales to help cope with increasing customer demand. It also announced plans to extend its telephone service to handle calls seven days a week. nounced last month by Midland's First Direct division to create up to 5,000 jobs in Scotland over the next seven years with its new call centre at Hamilton in Lanarkshire.

Keith Whitson, Midland's chief executive, said: "Our new site is designed to help satisfy demand from Midland's customers for banking services by telephone into the next century. We have chosen Edinburgh because we are very impressed with the quality of the local people and the

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Labour can't separate the utility sheep from goats

tax in prospect seems to be the answer. Sir lain Vallance's extraordinary assertion yesterday that he would not have voted Labour had he realised it might try and hit BT with its proposed windfall tax on the excess profits of privatised utilities rather begs the question of why he thought he was going to

escape it in the first place. The answer he gave yesterday was that BT is neither a utility nor a monopoly, an argument which intriguingly is also used by Sir John Egan of BAA (the former British Airports Authority). To Sir Iain's mind, running a public telephone network is apparently not the same thing as running a utility. Nor does having 90 per cent of all domestic telephone subscribers add up to being a monopoly. Mmmm. Sir John uses much the same fuzzy logic. Airports cannot be defined as a utility, he argues, nor does BAA have a monopoly. So where are the transatlantic

jumbos meant to land: Biggin Hill?
Leaving aside this slightly unreal debate in semantics, there's more than a chance that the real source of Sir Iain's misinformation was the horse's mouth itself - Tony Blair. Mr Blair is temperamentally against the tax, which he rightly sees as arbitrary and oppressive. But the money for welfare to work has to come from somewhere, so he accepts it as a necessary evil. However, to Mr Blair's

At the genesis of the windfall tax policy, then, there was a good chance of BT being excluded. Mr Blair even hinted at it in his various public pronouncements on the tax. Then along came the problem of definition - how to distinguish the privatised companies Labour does want to hit, without actually naming them, from those it does not. It proved an impossible task. Furthermore, Labour has been subjected to a furious lobbying campaign from those who always were going to be hit

to spread the net as widely as possible. The upshot is that Mr Blair has lost the argument to Gordon Brown and BT is now very definitely to be included. What this will do to the love affair between BT and New Labour is anyone's guess. Sir Iain insisted yesterday that despite the possibility of taking legal action against the Government, he wouldn't be taking his ball away. He still wished to establish a close working partnership with the new administration.

The damage has nonetheless been done. In terms of public relations, it really wasn't a smart move for Sir Iain to come over all indignant about the windfall tax on the day the company announced a £3bn profit. Indeed his comments could reasonably be described, as they were by Government sources yesterday, as politically naive. Other as a necessary evil. However, to Mr Blair's utilities are choosing stoically to swallow mind there are good utilities and bad ones; their medicine in public while complaining

When is a utility not a utility? Come to think of it, when is a monopoly not a monopoly? When there's a windfall profits tax in process of the start of the single attack the start of the single attack there is a windfall profits that the windfall profits that t the more mature and fruitful approach.

Germany learns how to fudge

German politicians seem to have fallen vic-tim to the all too human affliction of thinking that there is no problem in making inconsistent statements provided you do it often enough. Eventually everyone will come to accept that there is no inconsistency. EMU will start on time. Germany will qualify for the single currency. Its budget figures will not be fudged. Say it again: EMU will start on time ... Well, what about fudging the figures then? Fiscally virtuous Germany has at last

accepted the incompatibility between those three aspirations, a difficulty long recognised by its French and Italian neighbours. The trick of revaluing Bundesbank reserves to extract chough money to reduce government debt and interest payments is probably not strictly outside the letter of the Maastricht

rules. But it is certainly not in the right spirit. This did not stop Theo Waigel, finance minister, and Günier Rexrodt, economics minister, repeating the usual litany yesterday.
But the financial markets leapt to the obvious conclusion, and marked down the premium on Italian over German government debt to a record low of 1.48 percentage

a barely below 3 per cent one, it will not have a leg to stand on, politically speaking, if it tries to keep Italy out of the single currency for doing the same kind of thing.

But for all the German government's late discovery of creative accounting, it would be a mistake to conclude that there is no real difference between its budget position and the Italian government's. It would be daft to exclude from EMU any country whose budget deficit has fallen, is still falling, but just misses the 3 per cent target. It would be just as daft to include a country that has wrenched its deficit into shape for one year

using a whole raft of special measures whose effect will not last. Italy is not yet in the same fiscal league as Germany and France. Their race to the finishing line is being slowed by recession; Italy is tethered to the starting post on a piece of elastic that will snap back after 1997. Unfor-tunately, the terms of the treaty are not sub-

tle enough to distinguish the different cases. The result of Germany's embarrassment is that Europe may be forced into a difficult and silly choice between an economically sensible single currency and a politically acceptable one. It can readily be seen that these two aspirations are moving swiftly apart. Germany is going to find it increasingly hard to do what it always intended exclude Italy and Spain. And if it has to

Rethink of strategy for SBC Warburg

What to make of SBC Warburg's acquisition of Dillon Read in the US? Well, for starters it creates a very long name. The new bank is to be rechristened SBC Warburg Dillon Read. Too much of a mouthful? How about SBCWDR then? If that sounds more like a radio station or advertising agency than an investment bank, tough.

The acquisition is also a bit of a reversal in strategy on at least two fronts. Only recently the bank said it wasn't interested in big bolt-on acquisitions in the US. Furthermore, the idea under George Fieger, a McKinsey wonderkid, was to get away from old style rela-tionship investment banking and restructure along sales and product lines. Dillon Read is very much a relationship corporate finance house, and it seems probable that its chief operating officer, Franklin Hobbs, will re-establish that approach at SBC Warburg once he takes

over as "global" head of corporate finance. But no matter. This is corporate finance and today's new idea is tomorrow's old one. The opportunity to buy Dillon Read came up and Warburgs would have been silly to turn it down. The acquisition will leave the bank well placed to go for one of the really big fish on Wall Street

Arnault's no show stirs shareholders at Guinness agm

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Bernard Arnault, the only member of the Guinness board who voted against its planned £24bn merger with Grand Metropolitan, failed to attend its annual meeting yesterday. Mr Arnault, the chairman of Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the luxury goods group which owns a 14 per cent stake in Guinness, was not on the podium at a packed meet-

ing in a central London hotel. No apology or explanation was given for his absence until a shareholder questioned it. Mr Speers, an ordinary share-; holder said: "I note that certain members of the Guinness board are not present here including one member [Mr Arnault] who: voted against the merger. Is there any significance in that?"

Tony Greener, the Guinness chairman, who has constantly and the Frenchman, said Mr Amault was attending another board meeting on the same day and sent his apologies. When questioned about the

issue after the meeting, Mr

Greener said Mr Arnault had given his apologies "months ago". Asked whether the alleged "rift" between them was so bad that Mr Arnault had deliberately chosen not to attend, Mr

Greener said "absolutely not". He added: "He has never been able to attend a Guinness annual meeting before, because he has always had another board meeting on the same day. It's nothing unusual."

Mr Arnault is chairman of

Christian Dior as well as LVMH. He is also a non-executive director of Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the French utility. Guimess said all the companies had the same financial year end so a clash of meetings was possible.

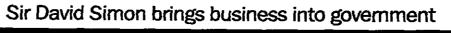
When Mr Amault voted against the GrandMet merger last week he proposed instead a three-way merger of the wine and spirits businesses of Guiness, GrandMet and Moet Hennessy, the LVMH drinks subsidiary in which Guinness holds a 34 per cent stake.

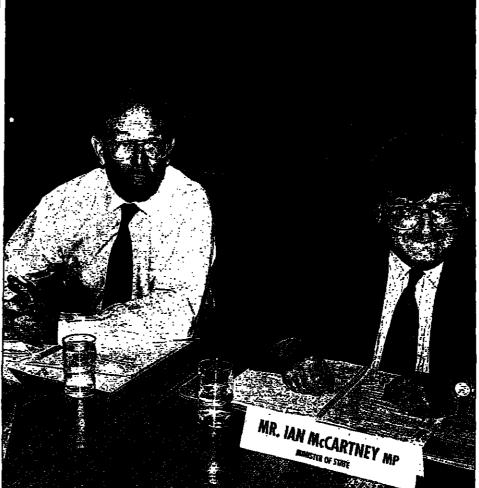
Mr Greener also discounted the possibility that an investment bank might devise a break-up bid for Guinness which would deliver Mr Arnault the company's spirits operation, United Distillers which he could then integrate the business with his own drinks group, Möet Hennessy. "If that was going to happen I would have thought it would be much more likely if the shares were nearer £4 than £6," Mr Greener said. The shares closed

6p lower yesterday at 566.5p. Alternatively, analysts say the proposed merger might provoke Mr Arnault to sell his 14 per cent stake. He sold 7 per cent of the company's shares in January. Guinness directors will meet Mr Amanit at the next Moet meeting in the next three

Another shareholder criticised the Guinness board for a lack of imagination in their choice of name for the new company, GMG Brands. He suggested "Guinness Galore" as

Mr Greener said he and the GrandMet chairman George Bull had considered GGM but had decided against it as it "might have connotations with





Sir David Simon, the new Minister of Trade and Competitiveness in Europe and former BP chairman (left) with lan McCartney, industry minister responsible for the minimum wage, at the first meeting of the

Government's inter-departmental task force. The body focuses on competitiveness, the completion of the Single Market and promotion of flexible labour markets in Europe.

MAM shares hit by fears of weaker growth

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

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Mercury Asset Management reported a 22 per cent rise in pre-tax profits in the year to March but disappointed the City with a warning that its strong growth over the past 10 years might not be sustainable. MAM's shares reversed their recent powerful run as investors who had expected a share buyback were also let down.

Hugh Stevenson, chairman, said MAM had achieved compound earnings growth in the 10 years since flotation of more than 20 per cent a year, but added: "Shareholders cannot necessarily expect these rates of growth to be sustainable in the future." His comments accompanied

a rise in pre-tax profits from £140.4m to £171.3m, boosted by a sharp rise in the company's average funds under management during the year from £71.8bn to £85.5bn. New mandates during the period amounted to £5.3bn, with the £3.3bn attracted in the second half equal to the total for the 12 months to March 1996.

Mr Stevenson's caution was mirrored by Carol Galley. deputy chairman, who said MAM had increased the overall proportion of cash and bonds in its portfolio of assets over the past year.

MAM's shares, which have been among the financial sector's best performers, tumbled 69.5p to 1,372p as the market focused on the relatively cautions statement and a sharp rise in the company's operating costs. Increased spending on internal systems, the consolidation of MAM's subsidiary in Australia and higher performance bonuses pushed costs up from £170m to £220m.

The rise in costs confirmed the high price of retaining tal-ented staff. Attention had focused on that issue earlier in the week when it was announced that a senior MAM fund manager, John Richards, was to set up a fledgling investment business for Société Générale, the French bank.

MAM's strong new business figure was buoyed by the UK and Japan, where the company is hopeful of benefiting from the opening up of that previously closed market to foreign firms. Growth also came from portfolio restructuring fees and significantly higher performance-related fees thanks to the stock market's strong run last year.

Announcing a bigger-thanexpected dividend payout of 45p a share, up from 35p last year, Mr Stevenson suggested that higher regular dividend payments would be MAM's preferred way of returning excess capital to shareholders.

He defended the company's apparently high shareholders' funds, which rose during the year from £237.3m to £284m, as insurance against the possibility of a disaster such as the Peter Young affair that cost Morgan Grenfell Asset Management £450m last year.

Mr Stevenson said MAM had success in attracting defined contribution business. Increasing numbers of companies are adopting defined contribution, or money purchase, schemes because they are unwilling to face the high cost of defined benefit schemes, which link pensions to employees' final salaries. Investment column, page 24 | lopped 6 per cent off the group's

More arrests in Nomura scandal

last March.

Japanese prosecutors have arrested the gangster at the heart of the growing payoff scandal at Nomura Securities, the world's biggest brokerage, and raided the firm's head

office in Tokyo. As investigations into the giant firm widened yesterday, the authorities indicated there would be no let-up in the inquiries so that investors did not lose trust in Japan's stock markets.

Jadashi Ogawa, deputy finance minister, said: "We are very concerned about the fact that the problem of Nomura has caused a big loss of trust by investors in the stock markets.

"It is a grave blow against the markets, especially as the scan-

Sameena Ahmad

store, by a quarter.

Burton, the clothing retailer, has

struck an agreement with Nike,

the American sportswear group,

to expand space in its flagship

Oxford Circus store in London,

already Europe's largest fashion

The revamp, which will take

two years, will give Nike space

on four floors and will be mod-

elled on Nike's successful Nike-

Town concept in Chicago and

New York. John Hoemer, chief

executive of Burton, said: "This

will become a major tourist at-

traction in its own right, draw-

Top Shop and Top Man stores.

The Nike Town in Chicago has

The news came as Burton re-

March. Pre-tax profits rose 23

per cent to £116m on headline

sales up 11.3 per cent to £1.2bn.

However, news that underlying

sales had risen by just 6.8 per cent

1 million visitors a year.

like Nomura."

The Tokyo district prosecutors' office said Rynichi Koike was arrested on suspicion of taking 50 million yen (£283,000) in illegal payments from Nomura to stop him from disrupting the company's 1995 annual share-holders' meeting.

Koike's younger brother, a commercial property agent, was also arrested on suspicion of being an accomplice in the affair by allowing his company to be a front for payment of the

Earlier yesterday, about 50 investigators marched into Nomura's headquarters in their second raid on the head office

share price, which closed at

145p. Burton's home shopping

tributed sales of £39.9m.

inesses bought last year con-

In a plan he called Graft-On,

Mr Hoemer said he intended

cross-selling products from the

new mail order businesses, in-

cluding clothing catalogues Racing Green and Hawkshead,

through the bigh street retail

stores, which include Burton

Menswear and Dorothy

Perkins, while using the group's

large sourcing capacity to im-prove the mail order side.

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Mr Hoerner also said that he

structure we inherited."

"I am thinking a lot more

Burton to expand

store in Nike deal

ing even more people into our brands. I don't want to get

business ethics. The case casts doubt on corporate morality and has con-

siderably damaged investors' trust in the securities market," said Seiroku Kajiyama, a government spokesman. "There is a need for a full investigation and to develop mea-

an internal Nomura enquiry

terpreted by Japanese observers

as an attempt by regulators to

send a stern message to the financial community to clean up

The mid-morning raid was in-

sures to prevent a recurrence," be said.

The raid was a follow-up to the arrests on Wednesday of two for-

dal involved a leading company since the scandal broke during mer Nomura executives and a third senior Nomura official in a case that linked the firm to racketeers. The racketeers, known as "sokaiya", extort money from companies by threatening to dis-

rupt shareholder meetings. Those arrested included former Nomura managing directors Shimpei Matsuki and Nobutaka Fujikura, who resigned from their posts on 10 March after an internal Nomura probe found they made discretionary deals banned under

Japanese law. The third was Osamu Fujita, a general affairs officer in charge of shareholder meetings, who prosecutors allege made the payments under Pujikura's orders.

Interflora petition calls for postal ballot

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

The flower power row at Interflora will come to a head later today with the delivery of a 400 signature petition to the association's Sleaford headquarters. The hastily collected petition of member florists will call for a postal ballot on the controversial ousting of the flower delivery group's board at a dramatic extraordinary meeting last Sunday.

Two florists loyal to the 11strong former board are travfreely about the potential of our elling to Interflora's head office today to personally deliver the signatures, which comfortably exceed the 10 per cent of the association required to insist on

wanted to extend Burton's one-A ballot is almost certain to ported its six-month results to 1 stop shop concept to sell restore the ousted board memmenswear to encourage men to shop more. Menswear profits bers to power following their dismissal by a minority of memslumped by 38 per cent to bers at a meeting packed with £3.8m on underlying sales down rebels. According to the asso-2.4 per cent. Investment column, page 24

ciation's articles, a simple

majority of voters present at the meeting at Warwick University was enough to throw the board

out of office. Their removal followed campaign of protest at changes pushed through by Interflora's management to the price of membership of the association. the imposition of minimum standards of service and the standardisation of price ranges and delivery times. Many small florists felt their individuality was being squeezed out by an increasingly authoritarian or-

ganisation. Members were also worried about plans to turn the association into a public company, amid rumours that an American flower delivery business was lining up a bid for Interflora.

The delivery of the demand follows the initial refusal of Interflora's new management to organise the postal vote that former chairman David Parry called in his final act at last Sunday's meeting.

IN BRIEF

Confusion over US interest rates

Mixed signals on the US economy yesterday left analysts un-sure about whether or not the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates when its Open Markets Committee meets next week. Consumer prices increased by only 0.1 per cent last month, but the underlying increase was a bigger than expected 0.3 per cent. Higher prices for clothing, health care and housing were behind the rise, which took the core inflation rate up to 2.7 per cent from 2.5 per cent in March. The headline inflation rate dropped to 2.5 per cent from 2.8 per cent because of a decline in energy

Against the slightly disappointing inflation figures, industrial output was unchanged in April, following big rises in February and March. The rate of capacity use, a figure monitored closely by the Fed, fell slightly to 83.4 per cent. However, the Fed said a strike caused more than half of a 6.8 per cent fall in car and truck manufacture in April. Excluding motor vehicles. output was up 0.3 per cent compared to a 0.6 per cent increase

"The key to next week's decision is the Fed's view of the likely pace of growth in the second half of the year," said Ian Shepherdson, an analyst at HSBC Markets in New York.

Final fitting for Chamberlain Phipps

The sale of the last part of Chamberlain Phipps, the shoes and materials maker which went bust last August, was completed by receivers Arthur Andersen yesterday via a management buy-in. The last sale saved 250 jobs in the UK. Receivers had already sold the footwear subsidiaries in the UK, US and Canada. Yesterday they sold the specialist materials business based in Leicester, Hong Kong, India and Canada to John Fallon and the rest of the existing management team for a "significant sum."

Murdoch McKillop said the complex international rescue operation had been completed with only 10 per cent redundancies. TSB Commercial is supplying £2m in working capital to the new company, Chamberlain Phipps Commercial, which has plants in the Midlands, Yoevil and overseas.

German investment abroad soars

The weak dollar and pound helped German investment abroad to rise DM53bn (£19bn) to DM362bn between the end of 1993 and 1995, the Bundesbank said in its May monthly report published yesterday. The Bundesbank said that direct investment in Germany rose DM47 bn to DM271 bn from DM224 bn in the same period. The bank said: "More than 70 per cent of the rise in German investments abroad - around DM39 bn - was in the other fourteen lands of the European Union," the bank said. More than half of the existing total German investment was in the EU

Gold project costs Lonrho £15m

Lonrbo is making a £15m exceptional provision in its half year figures for costs associated with its Amantaytau Uzbekistan gold project, which it and partner Anglo American of South Africa have decided to abandon. Lonrho said that it has concluded a sixmonth review of the exploration costs of the project and the partners have decided to scrap it. The review was prompted by increases in costs in the mining supply industry, the price of gold and local factors, and was conducted jointly with Anglo American.

Lonrho's chief executive, Nicholas Morrell said "The review demonstrated that there had been a substantial increase in both capital and operational costs and a resultant reduction in the projected return." He said Lonrho "remains interested in the pro-ject" and is cooperating with the Uzbek Government and other potential partners in order to establish a basis for the development of Amantaytau, which has more than five million ounces

Bullish trading update from GKN

GKN said trading has been "positive" in all its main businesses in the first four months of the current year. Sir David Lees, chairman, told the annual general meeting that pre-tax profits were ahead of the comparable period in 1996 - despite being hit by the strength of sterling of "rather more" than £10m. "We expect 1997 to be another year of progress for the company," he said.

Kvaerner sells £22m Amec stake

Kvaerner has made a profit of £22m on the placing in the market of its 52.8 million shares in Amec. Kvaerner placed the shares at 140p each and sold them for £80m cash. "With today's announcement, and the recently announced agreement to sell Kvaerner's shares in Bergesen, Kvaerner has reached the objective announced following the acquisition of Trafalgar House to sell non-core assets totalling £926m," it said.

200,000 customers sign up with NTL

NTL, the cable company, yesterday revealed it had clocked up more than 200,000 residential customers. The company's financial results also showed that Cable Tel's residential telephone penetration had increased from 28.9 per cent to 32.9 per cent in the first quarter this year, while residential cable television penetration had risen from 28.9 per cent to 33.4 per cent. Although NTI's continued to make a loss from operations, this was significantly less than this time last year - \$2.3m compared to \$13.9m.

Inflation challenge for Morrison

William Morrison, the Bradford-based supermarket group, has reported first quarter sales 2.1 per cent ahead of the same period last year. The figure, which includes two new stores in Stockport and Sunderland in April, is lower than recent announcements from larger rivals such as Tesco, Sainsbury's and Safeway. In a statement to shareholders at the company's annual meeting vesterday, chairman Ken Morrison said the absence of food price inflation was "a challenge for our industry" as cost inflation was

Collins to succeed Lord Hanson in building materials group

Magnus Grimond

Lord Hanson is to be succeeded later this year by Christopher Collins at the head of the Hanson building materials group which now represents all that is left of the once-feared corporate predator's sprawling con-

Mr Collins, who is married to Lord Hanson's niece, will be only the second chairman the group has had since James Hanson set in train an unprecedented acquisition spree after taking over the Wiles Group in 1965.

But "New Hanson" is a very different animal to Lord Han-

sterday by Mr Collins, who said he was "totally committed to the New Hanson strategy, which is to concentrate on building materials and not to revert to the old acquisition-led strategy."

The group recently disposed of its electrical division and Mr Collins said the only pur-chases they would be seeking would be "disciplined, bolt-on acquisitions" in its areas of aggregates, bricks and cranes.

The City, however, remained unimpressed. The shares, which have underperformed the rest of the stock market by over 50 per cent since the beginning of 1994, fell 6.5p to 322.5p yesterday.

Analysts said the manage-ment of Hanson continues to suffer from the legacy of the old conglomerate. One said: There is a general view that there are too many accountants, tax specialists and financiers on the main board, rather than operational people, which has

held back the rating."

Mr Collins, whose appointment was foreshadowed at the time of last year's four-way demerger of the original Hanson group, rebutted such sugges-

He said Andrew Dougal. chief executive, and Alan Murray, finance director, had spent "significant amount of time

running the operations. Mr Dougal is a former managing director of the ARC UK aggregates business, while Mr Murray was heavily involved in the integration of Hanson

News of the appointment came alongside half-year figures from Hanson showing pre-tax profits slumping from £766m to £263m in the six months to

idend announcement until later in the year because of the decision to move the year end to December.

The figures were distorted by the inclusion last time of Mil-

There will be no interim div-

lennium Chemicals and Impe rial Tobacco, demerged in October, and a five month contribution from The Energy Group, which was spun off in February. In fact, underlying profits from continuing operations rose from £66.3m to £69.6m.

Lord Hanson, who is to assume the honorary title of chairman emeritus when he retires at the end of the year, said there were signs of improve-ment in the UK housing and construction markets and the prospects for the US business es were good. "Hanson is in excellent shape to build value for

Alvis sets its sights on better times as full between orders pushes profits down to £3m



Alvis, the armoured vehicles and aerospace company, yesterday announced a drop in pretax profits from £5.05m to £3.06m, but said the second half should see an increase in sales which dropped by almost £20m to £31m in the six months to 31 March. Nick Prest, chief executive of the company which provides electronic night-vision sights for the Apache attack helicopter (above), said the lower half-

lower rate of delivery of armoured vehicles. This was due to a lull in activity between major orders. However, he said: "We have seen businesses." Alvis shares firmed 0.5p to 141p.

Scramble is on for BP shares

John Shepherd Business News Editor

Investors across the globe scrambled yesterday for a slice of the 170 million shares in British Petroleum that were offloaded by the Kuwait Investment Office late on Wednesday night.

Goldman Sachs, the US investment house, was inundated with orders for the shares that were apparently offered at a knock-down price of 71op in what was one of the largest block sales on the London stock market. A spokesman for Goldman said there were "significant institutional buyers in the US. continental Europe and the

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comfortably oversubscribed. One said most of the stake had probably gone to US institutions which, by historical standards, were holding a relatively small proportion of BP's stock.

BP's shares retreated 20p to 724.5p yesterday but brokers said the decline was likely to be short-lived while the 3 per cent stake in BP was washed through the system. "The fact somebody sells shares does not change the fundamentals of the company," said Paul Spedding at Kleinwort Benson.

Shawn Reynolds, oils analyst at Lehman Brothers, said news of the placing was "not overly surprising, with strong ru-

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in the market six weeks ago: "The only thing that is a surprise is the rumoured discount at which the shares were bought." The secretive KIO declined

to be specific about its reasons for the disposal, which reduces its stake in the oil company to 6.3 per cent, other to say it was rebalancing exercise" The KIO picked up slightly

more than £1.2bn from selling the stake. The total gain for the KIO was more than double at £2.6m after adding in the dividend income on the shares, which it has held since the late 1980s, and the share price gain

over the years. The KIO built up its holding

Dealers said there was no mours that the KIO was about in BP in what turned out to be question that the block sale was to offload its stake circulating an embarrassing exercise for the UK government, which put up for sale a large tranche of shares just before the 1987 stock market crash. BP later bought back part of the holding from the KIO.

A spokesman for the KIO said yesterday: "The holding of British Petroleum shares has come to represent a disproportionate part of the Future Generation Fund of Kuwait and this is why this rebalancing exercise is being undertaken."

BP's share price has been one of the best-performing among the world oil majors, enjoying a lengthy bull run that started in 1993 when the stock could be bought for less than 300p.

\$1.5bn Chinese order for Airbus

Airbus Industrie yesterday won a \$1.5bn (£916m) order from China for 30 planes, putting the European maker on equal footing with arch-rival Boeing in Chinese sales this year.

China, the world's fastestgrowing aviation market, is expected to spend more than \$124bn over the next two decades on planes, buying one in 10 sold globally. Boeing has won \$1.3bn in Chinese plane orders so far this year. Aerospace analysts said that

nt friction between the US and China over human rights issues and patent-infringements had hurt Boeing, causing the Chi-nese to hold back on orders they might otherwise have placed with the American maker.

"There has been some slippage in Boeing's market posi-tion in China, but not because of Boeing, it's because of international politics," said Paul Nisbet, an analyst with JSA Research in the US.

Boeing supplies about 60 per cent of the aircraft flown by China's airlines. McDonnell-Douglas, which Boeing is plan-ning to buy, is the only foreign company building complete air-craft in China.

"Certainly the recent squabbles between the US administration and the Chinese haven't helped Boeing's cause there, and have resulted in delays in some major orders." one analyst said. Industry observers also said difficulties in lining up financing and squabbling between Chinese airlines on which ones get new planes have helped slow new Boeing orders.

The order placed with Airbus was part of a clutch of aviation accords signed by French President Jacques Chirac that will produce some \$3bn in exports and investment and challenge America's stranglehold on China's aviation industry. Mr Chirac is the first French president to visit China in 14

Chinese officials acknowledged that France's political re-lations with them helped put Airbus in a position to win orders. "France is the one country with a comprehensive part-nership with China," said Tang Guoqiang, a spokesman for China's foreign ministry. He noted that the only country with a similar level of parmer-

ship was Russia. Asked whether the Airbus order represented a reward for France for treading lightly on the issue of human rights, he said the contracts "show a good relationship has developed in the political sphere between China and France.

"These agreements show China is holding a positive attitude toward the future development of economic and trade partnerships.

Clubhaus buys four courses for £10.3m

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Clubhaus, the fast-growing golf course operator, has acquired four courses in the South-east of England for a total of £10.3m. It will finance the deal with a placing and open offer to raise £15.7m.

The four courses are the Meyrick Park golf club near Bournemouth. Dorset, for £1.7m, Stapleford Abbots, Romford, Essex, for £2.9m, the Three Rivers Golf and Country Club, Cold Norton, Essex, for £4m and the Benton Hall golf club, South Wickham, Essex, for £1.9m. The placing and open offer will be for 19.8 mil-lion new shares priced at 82p

per share. Clubhaus has acquired seven UK golf clubs this year and has a total of 11 courses including three in continental Europe.

Commenting on the deal, Charlie Parker, Clubhaus managing director, said: "We see these acquisitions as a significant step in implementing our strategy of expanding the portfolio of golf clubs in England. It will enable us to exploit further benefits of multiple ownership. increasing our margins and giv-

ing significant cost savings."
The company launched a Clubhaus loyalty card earlier this month. It gives members reduced green fees at the group's courses. In a trading statement it said the early part of 1997 had seen encouraging trading. Membership renewals are in line with expectations and the number of rounds played is abead of budget.

The company, which was de-merged from property group Ex-lands in February last year. said it was close to achieving critical mass. The next stage of development would be to consolidate the portfolio, the company said. This could include the introduction of health and fitness facilities at the clubs to make them more attractive cen-

tres for families. In March Clubhaus announced maiden pre-tax profits of £1.5m on sales of £7.3m for the 14 months to 31 December. Clubhaus shares closed down 1p at 86.5p.

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Now Burton needs a follow-up to the Hoerner rescue story

has done a fantastic job in res-cuing Burton from the basket case it was when he took over as chief executive five years ago. Mr Hoerner's textbook attack on stock and cost control and the clean up of the group's properties has made Burton's recovery second only to Next's in retail history.

The progress is reflected in some respectable half year results yesterday. Profits from retail, the main part of the business, rose a quarter to £23m on underlying sales up 6.8 per cent. Compared to the struggles of Sears and Storehouse, Burton is definitely on the side of the angels.

As with all recovery stories, however, the question now is whether there is decent growth to follow - something Burton needs to justify its shares, down 9p at 145p, remaining on their high rating of 16 times 1997 earnings. Com-pared to Next, which is growing underlying sales at 12 per cent, Burton is lagging.

Next has an image which hits the spot with consumers. The concern is whether Burton brands are strong enough to sustain convincing growth, particularly as its strategy is to ollow Next into the compet-Unlike agency mail order. which has a fairly down-market image, successful direct selling is all about brand.

There are few worries about the Debenhams department store chain, a major contributor to the figures. At the half year underlying sales - almost two-thirds of the group total grew 9.4 per cent, with profits 4 per cent ahead at £14m.

Opening nine new-genera-tion Debenhams stores over the next four years - offering customers massages and the chance to have their nails done as they browse for clothes and cosmetics - should maintain the momentum. So will injecting products from recent acquisitions - the McCord mail order catalogue, a seller of stylish furniture, and Innovations, which offers all those gadgets you never knew you needed. A Debenhams catalogue, likely by the year-end, could do well. However the outlook may

be more mixed for the group's five multiple chains - Burton Menswear, Principles and

No one can deny that the affable Texan John Hoerner wear shops, and teenybopper harsh if the company had A worry is that in an attempt to improve its less strong

brands, the catalogue busi-nesses will suffer. Principles' arguably stuffy image hardly seems a natural fit with Racing Green's more relaxed Burton's name is attractive enough to sell Burton's suits

and Principles' clothes by catalogue when cheap and cheerful companies like Freemans are around. With BZW forecasting £185m profits for the full year

Bonuses pull MAM down

the shares are a hold.

The market's sniffy reaction to yet another year of 20 per cent-plus earnings growth from Mercury Asset Management might seem churlish. Having seen the shares rise from under £9 last August to well over £14, however, it would have been a flawless set of figures indeed not to have given the market an ex-

cuse to grab a bit of profit.

The 69.5p fall in the price itive game of direct mail order. to 1372p reflected less the headline profit figure, up 22 per cent to £171.3m, than the rather clumsy hidden warning from chairman Hugh Stevenson that the good times could not be expected to roll for ever.

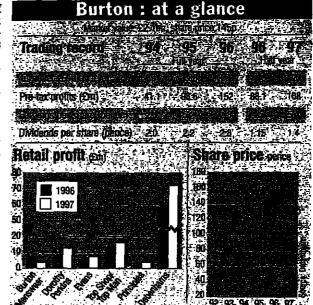
wear shops, and teenybopper harsh if the company had been punished for simply stating the obvious, but there were other worries tucked away in the figures.

Biggest of those was a 29 per cent jump in operating costs to £220m, which for the first time represented a bigger rise than the 28 per cent increase There are doubts whether in turnover from continuing activities. There were oneoffs, such as the consolidation of the Australian subsidiary for the first time, but by far the largest part of the rise was accounted for by bonuses. The departure of senior fund manager John Richards this week underscored the difficulty of

holding onto talented staff even if they are highly paid. The cost base aside, there was plenty in MAM's figures to please. New business, the life blood of a fund manager, continued to flood in at an impressive lick, with the £3.3bn attracted in the second half of the year matching the figure for the whole of the previous year. Overseas, MAM's Japanese operation looks promising, with the liberalisation of that previously closed market leading to 20 new pension fund ac-

counts signed up. On the basis of forecast profits of around £190m, the shares trade on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 19. A forward dividend yield of almost 5 per cent provides some support, but after their strong

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Compass still pointing to growth

mer soul-mate of Granada chairman Gerry Robinson. Despite breathtaking acquisition-led growth, which has left annualised sales running at around 10 times their level of five years ago and a £520m hole in shareholders' funds, the group has hardly put a foot wrong.

There were few complaints yesterday about an 18 per cent rise in underlying profits to £56.4m for the half year to March. Adjusted earnings rose a healthy 17 per cent to 12.9p and the only caveat was sterling's strength, given that more than three-quarters of sales are overseas. But Compass is hedged for this year, so any possible problems do not arise until 1998.

Meantime, the group's top three position in most of the leading European catering markets, plus a substantial beach-head in the US. leaves it well placed. Although catering in businesses, schools, hospitals, prisons and the like are not to be chased.

verything continues to point in the right direction at Compass, the catering group led by Francis Mackay, formarket is still growing at around 5 to 6 per cent a year. Stripping out acquisitions, its first half operating profits rose at rates between 10 per cent in the UK and 17 per cent in the US. And there is lots more to go for: even in the

US, the most advanced outsourced catering market, around 60 per cent of organisations still have in-house operations, while in Germany the figure is more like 95 per cent. In France. January's move to take an 11 per cent stake taken in Compagnie Generale de Restauration, the country's biggest caterer, puts Compass in pole position to leapfrog arch-rival Sodexho in that market if CGR's management ever want to sell out.

With Paribas looking for £136m in the full year, the shares, down 5p at 657p, stand on a heady forward multiple of 21, dropping to 18. That is cheap compared with Sodexho, but they

Symonds shares slump on third profit warning

Magnus Grimond Shares in Symonds slumped

8.5p at one stage yesterday after the electronics to engineering group unveiled its third profit warning this year. The warning came as the group revealed the findings of a damning report by the Arthur Anderson accountancy firm which confirming April's revelation that management had de-liberately overstated sales in its precision engineering division. As a result, Symonds said profits for last year would be some £1.5m below expectations, prompting analysis to slash their forecasts from £3.7m to £2.2m yesterday, against £1.45m achieved in 1995-96. The shares, which were 82p in June last year, recovered their earlier fall to

end unchanged at 35.5p. The failures of management at PED have already seen the dismissal of its former managing director, Ken Garner. Another three senior members of management have been suspended while internal disciplinary proceedings are undertaken against them.
But Rod Ackrill, the Mid-

lands property developer who chairs the company, suggested that further legal moves were unlikely. "We will continue to consider legal action on the basis of the report now delivered. but we haven't uncovered any signs of any personal benefit".

The Andersen report confirmed that management ac-counts had been falsified, consistently invoicing sales where no goods had been despatched to make up for shortfalls on sales forecasts. This had been done to disguise very poor trading during the year. These mis-statements have resulted from a concerted effort between certain members of the management to override internal controls", the accountants found. These failings and other problems, including dif-

ficulties on major contracts, production hiccoughs and larger volumes of low margin work, mean the division is now expected to record a loss of over £1.1m for the year.

Mr Ackrill said there had been no problems with the group's normal auditors. De-loitte and Touche, and new management were already starting to tackle the problems of low margin business taken on PED by the old management.

Separately, the group announced that Jim Symonds, a relative of one of the group's founding families, was stepping down as chief executive and would retire next month. Mr Symonds joined the company with Mr Ackrill in 1993 as part

of moves to revitalise the group. At PED, Mr Garner has been replaced by Patrick Curran, a former senior manager at Burnfield. A quality manager and manufacturing manager have also been appointed to the

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Investors scent another Glaxo bonus as price hits peak

Shares of the Glaxo Wellcome drugs giant climbed 30p to a 1,281.5p peak, offering the possibility that shareholders will score receive another blazon to 15n to 1,983.5p on the will soon receive another share

On four occasions in the 1980s and 90s the group has ciate, Sugen.
handed out free shares, either
The rest of through a bonus or split. It has usually acted when it regarded its shares as overweight, an event which starts to become fice sale of British Petroleum more apparent the more they shares, topped 1 billion. climb above £10.

US approval to sell an antismoking drug, Zyban, provided the latest inspiration. The new treatment, which should be on sale within the next two on sale within the next two months, is regarded as one of Glaxo's possible blockbusters with some analysts estimating sales will be nudging \$500m a year by the end of the continuous and the same as the brewing and hotel giant, frothed up 13p to 829p, port. A story that the new President of the Board of Trade Moreover Personnel.

Another drug giant, Zeneca, put on 15p to 1,983.5p on the planned stock market flotation of its 20 per cent owned asso-

The rest of the stock market had a rather featureless session although turnover, ballooned by the Kuwait Investment Of-

Footsie, at one time down 32.5 points, slowly clawed its way back but failed to end in positive territory, closing 5.7 down at 4,681.2



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stock market reporter of the year The £200m bid was put in

nearly a year ago. The resul-tant Monopolies & Mergers Commission report was com- a deal with the other conpleted shortly before the elec-tender, BAT Industries. hion campaign got under way but any DTI decision post-for Abbey or pump its finanponed until the new Government took office.

There are suggestions the MMC is demanding any Bass deal should be conditional on the final act in the great BAT the sale of up to 2,000 pubs and some brands. If the conditions are too draconian Bass is launched their hostile bid.

Although HSBC is still regarded as a likely bidder the Amec. Kvaerner, which went rumour mill seemed to favour

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gave its shares a 5p lift to
146.5p. Credit Lyonnais Laing
Mercury Asset Management and NatWest Securities sold 52.8 million shares (25.85 per cent) for Kvaerner, the Norwegian group, at 140p. The stake was the legacy of the Nor-wegians' unsuccessful bid for on to take over Trafalgar House, made a £22m profit on

the holding. Pearson, the banking and publishing group, fell 20p to 702.5p with US house JP Mor-improved figures, gained 5 p to group which recently produced improved figures, gained 5 p to 38.5p; TLS, the vehicle rental group, held at 114.5p as proved, with market makers caught on the hon.

Mercury Asset Management fell 69.5p to 1,372 following fig-ures and a growing feeling the fund manager is lining up a ma-jor acquisition. Barclays story that it planned to sell its

securities arm resurfaced. Aggregate Industries, the market capitalisation Athel-CAMAS and Bardon group, ney may be just too small to

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continue on its own. It may

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☐ Newmark Technology, placed at 10p, closed at 13p. Stockbroker Teather & caught on the hop.

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Maid set for first payout

Investors in Maid, the on-line business information group, could be set for a maiden dividend payment this year, three years after the company floated on the stock market.

Following the recent bullish noises made by the company, Dan Wagner, chief executive and founder, said yesterday there was no reason why a dividend should not be paid this year, but added that the exact sum had not been agreed.

Alastair Smellie, media analyst at ABN Amro Hoare Govett, had notionally pen-cilled in a 2p dividend for the

De La Rue, the banknote and

cheque printing group, has ac-

quired Philips's smart card di-

vision in a £54m cash deal

that will make it one of the

leading players in the fast-

growing smart card market. It is buying Philips Cartes et Sys-temes (PCS), a French sub-

sidiary of the Dutch electronics

group.

De La Rue has been keen to

expand its interest in card-based

payment systems. It is already a

big producer of magnetic stripe

cards. In 1993 it signed a joint

venture with Philips to market

"The acquisition of PCS

will provide De La Rue with

full access to smart card

product technology to aug-

ment the company's tradi-

tional card printing and

security skills," a spokesman

said. Smart cards are seen as

a rapidly growing market with

Europe, and France in partic-

ular, at the forefront of new

The company said the ac-

quisition was not a defensive

move to protect it from any

longer-term decline in bank-

developments.

Nigel Cope

Although this year's first-quarter pre-tax profits of £2.3m, announced yesterday, were artificially inflated by the £3.5m sale of the Internet in hotels technology to 4th Network, the City expected Maid to be on track for a profit during the third and fourth quarters this year.

Mr Wagner remained opti-mistic over prospects. "This year's going to be a very prof-itable year. Despite concern over us, at the end of the day we've achieved," he said. Maid's share price rose 3p to 240.5p yesterday.

The chief executive said Maid would be actively pursu-ing its alliance strategy, which has seen deals with high-profile

"There is still an enormous

demand for banknotes but it is

important for us to offer a

choice of payments," the com-

played a key role in develop-

ing smart card industry

standards. De La Rue will fo-

cus on the emerging standards published by global card schemes such as UKIS,

VisaCash, Mondex and Proton.

and Caen and employs 370

people. Last year it made a loss

before tax of £500,000 on sales

of £30.6m. Net assets as of 31

December were £10.7m. It

produces smart cards supply-

ing the banking and pay TV in-

dustries. De La Rue hopes to

exploit the convergence be-

tween banking, telecommuni-

cations and the expanding

world of multi-media. De La

Rue's smart card activities will

trade under the name De La

Last month the company

announced 400 job losses in its

security printing division, which

produces banknotes, travellers'

cheques, personal cheques and

certificates. The £15m restruc-

ture was one of the largest in

Rue Card Systems.

the group's history.

PCS has operations in Paris

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De La Rue buys

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pany said.

and CompuServe. A new tie-up with a global blue-chip company would be announced in the

next few weeks, he said.

Recent months have been troubled for Maid, which has seen its share price slide in response to City concerns about

The Stock Exchange began an investigation into the company last month after unusual share price movement. Mr Wagner said he had not been informed of the outcome of the investigation and the Stock Exchange declined to comment.

Despite the profit predictions from the company, some analysts yesterday downgraded forecasts

names such as IBM, Microsoft for the full year due to the news that a link-up with CompuServe was behind schedule and only went live last month.

Mike Hilton, media analyst at Kleinwort Benson, nudged his pre-tax profit forecasts down slightly to £9.5m for the year. But Mr Smellie estimated £11.5m for 1997, rising to as

much as £20m the next year.

The number of staff employed by Maid has more than doubled to 430 in the past year, and the number of offices has increased from five at the beginning of last year to 23. Mr agner claimed the company had added 3,100 clients during the past year, taking the total now serviced to 4,300.

IN BRIEF

Bibby half-year profits ahead

An increase in half-year taxable profits from £19m to £21.4m was announced by J Bibby & Sons, the diversified industrials group. The company said no interim dividend would be paid in view of the 5p special dividend to be paid if the proposal from Barlow to acquire the 21.2 per cent of the issued share capital of Bib-by which it does not already own is approved. Bibby said trading conditions for the second half-year remained reasonably good. Richard Mansell-Jones, chairman, was confident the group would make progress for the year as a whole. The continuing strength of sterling is, however, likely to impact more severely in the sec-

Forth Ports raises £13m in placing

Forth Ports is raising £13.6m net of expenses through a placing of 2.28 million shares at 600p each. News of the placing sent the share price down 10p to 615p. The company said the new shares would represent about 5 per cent of its current issued share capital. The money will partially fund some of Forth's plans to de-

Easynet makes £1.7m acquisition

Easynet Group has acquired Technocom, a supplier of networking products and Internet services, for £1.7m in cash and shares. There is also a deferred consideration of £380,000 in cash payable upon the achievement of a profit before interest and tax for the year to 30 June of more than £140,000. Technocom's assets include

Carlisle Group back in profit

Interest Rates

Cariisle Group reported a turnaround from losses of £4.03m to taxable profits of £331,000 in the year to December. Nigel Wray, chairman, said he had hoped by now that the group would be reporting on a substantial acquisition to complement its newly refocused strategy, outlined a year ago. "In addition to seeking acquisitions that will enhance shareholders' returns we will contique to manage our high-yielding property portfolio and, at an appropriate time, undertake a reduction in share capital enabling us to recommence dividend payments," he said.

A new job and new 'minder'. Sir David declares himself delighted

Spotted at Margaret Beckett's introductory drinks party at the DTI on Wednesday night - Sir David Simon, formerly of BP and now New Labour's Minister for Competitiveness in Europe. Also there was Lucie McNell, the DTI's information officer for trade, who Sir David introduced as "my new Roddy Kennedy'. This refers to Sir David's

long-time press spokesman at BP. Sir David caused a bit of a frisson. when he went on to declare how delighted he was to have such a beautiful "minder". The delightful Ms McNeil blushed bright pink. The "trappings of power" are obviously going to the BP man's head.

Fascinating to hear Sir Iain Vallance of BT declare: "I wouldn't have voted Labour if I'd known BT would have been involved in the windfall tax." (See page 22). So the question arises - how long has Sir Iainbeen a dyed in the wool Labour voter? The blue-pinstriped telecoms big cheese refused to say.

However, in the hotbed of socialism that has become BT headquarters near St Pauls. Sir Iain did say he had "voted Labour before". Can he really have voted for Michael Foot in 1983, whose manifesto was famously described as 'the longest suicide note in history"?

Subsequent research shows more deep-rooted links between Labour and the BT board. We can exclusively reveal that the great grandfather of Robert Brace, BT's finance director, was a minister in one of the first Labour governments

Sir William Brace was, according to Robert, "something in the Welsh office before becoming Inspector of Mines" So when exactly was this, we asked. 'Well," said Mr Brace, "it must have been in Llayd George's time, before the First World War."

Hang on a minute. I thought the first abour Government was formed in 1924. Never mind. I'm sure Mr Brace's understanding of accountancy vastly exceeds his knowledge of history.

Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB may have courted controversy by buying up the TV rights to every sporting event in sight, but there is another less famous company doing the same thing for sports catering. Compass made \$1bn worth of acquisitions last year, and while most of it concerned companies that provide catering for business and industry, there was another side.

This was highlighted yesterday when Compass bought National Leisure Catering, which provides food and drink

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Trading compliments: Sir David Simon caused blushes at the DTI drinks party

for Wembley stadium and the Oval cricket ground. Compass's UK chief executive Francis Mackay, an old pal of Granada's Gerry Robinson, can now lay claim to the catering for Twickenham, Ascot, Aintree, Cheltenham, Arsenal and Spurs, as well as yesterday's

So is Compass worried about being scrutinised by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission? "No," replies, Ron Morley, Compass company secretary. There is a lot of competition still. There are a large number of companies

prepared to do this kind of catering." While Compass can provide beer at Twickers, escalopes at Ascot and burgers at Spurs, it still hasn't got its hands on strawberries and cream at Wimbledon. Any plans there? "That's done by a firm called Ring and Brymer," says Mr Morley. "It would be a nice one to have, but we have no plans for it at the moment," he adds, wistfully.

Accountants are usually a pretty grey bunch. Not so Richard Hall, the partner from Binder Hamlyn who is due to take over as director of finance at the Royal Opera House in July. Mr Hall says he fell in love with

opera and ballet at a young age. For

He's just been appointed chairman of Gold Mines of Sardinia (GMS) having recently retired as chairman of Sons of Gwalia, while he was also a founding partner of Warrior International. They sound more like Spielberg films than gold mining companies.

instance, he became fascinated by La

couple of years working in Milan, so there were visits to La Scala," he says,

The Opera House is involved in its

own drama at the moment. It has lost

after just four months, with Mary Allen

breach. Mr Hall says he was appointed

its chief executive Genista McIntosh

of the Arts Council stepping into the

over the new job. "I'm very excited.

Most recently Mr Hall has been

working with the Church of England

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Mining really is a more exotic world than

the rest of business. Take Jim Ainsworth.

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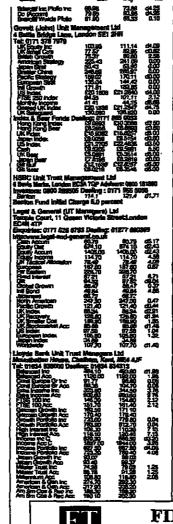
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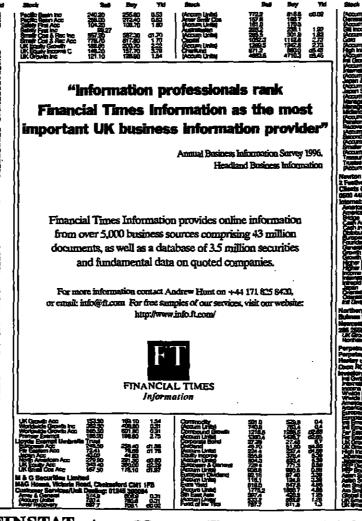
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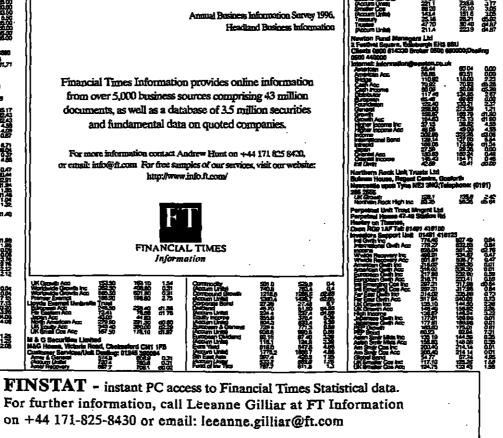
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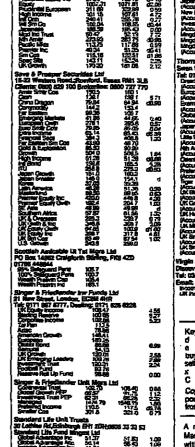
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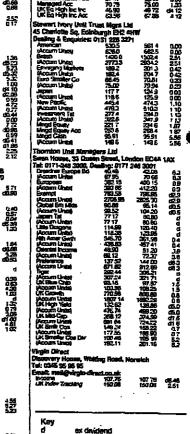
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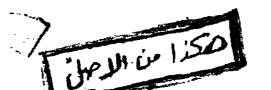








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Godolphin go into the wilderness

great years and it was only a

matter of time before we were

we will get the show back on the

The crisis overshadowed a

fine Cup victory by Celeric and

it was unfair on him that the tra-

vails of the runners in royal blue

distracted attention from this ef-

fort. That Celeric would make

the frame, far less finish first,

GREG-WOOD reports from York

> Godolphin last night began scratching all entries for this weekend's racing after five more of the team's runners flopped at York yesterday. Sheikh Mohammed ordered a temporary shutdown following discussions with advisers.

Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said: "Quite clearly something is amiss. We will have to go into the wilderness for a short time. The horses are not running their races, they are dying at the three-furlong pole so something must be

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Five entries for today have been withdrawn, three at Newmarket and two at Newbury. No runners are expected tomorrow or on Sunday. The Dubai-based operation has made its worstver start to a Flat campaign ever start to a Flat campaign – highlighted yesterday by the failure of Classic Cliche. He was

ESTATESTONE 5.50 No Joker 6.25 Mister Spe

tator 6.55 Cape Cottage 7.30 Glen Oak 8.00 Reverend Brown

RESULTS

YORK
2.05: 1. TAYSEER (W Ryen) 9-1; 2. Just Mick 9-1; 3. Nomore lift Niceguy 14-1; 4. Specifical 9-1 19 ran. 7-1 fav Ingle Hay. 2, 1½. (E Durlop, Neumarket). Tote: £9.65: £2.80, £2.20, £2.80, £2.00, DP: £35.40. CSP. £62.54. Nicest: £596.50. This: £95.50. MR: Charme Parice. Course Parice. (12) 11-20. CSF. £82.54. Thoss: £596.50. The: £95.90. NR: Cosmic Prince. Cosmic Prince (12-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bats, deduction 5p in the pound.

2.35: 1. ROYAL APPLAUSE (IA Hist) 3-1 fav; 2. Parhams 9-2; 3. Bibe Duster 100-30.

10 ram. 14. 3. (B Hills, Lambourn). Tota: £3.40: £1.40, £1.60, £1.60. DP: £8.40. CSF. £15.10. Thic: £6.30.

3.10: 1. CELERIC (Par. Edden); 7-2; 2. Mons 13-2; 3. Whitewater Affair 6-1. 9 ram. avens fav Classic Cliche. sh-hd, ¼. (D Moxley, Newmarked). Totac £3.80; £1.40, £1.90. £1.90. DF: £9.90. CSF: £26.73. Thic: £21.90.

£21.90.
3.40: 1. SYMONDS INN (K Falon) 4-1;
2. Shaya 3-1 fay; 3. Greek Pelace 7-2. 6;
ran. 3%, 2%, (/ Fiz/Gerald, Malton). Tota:
\$4.00: £1.80, £1.90. DP: £4.60. CSF:
\$4.51.51.5

4.10: 1 BELLADERA (K Darley) 33-1; 2. Happy Days 20-1; 3. Wales 2-1 fav. B ran. 1½, ¼. (N Tinkler, Matton). Tota: £49.90; £5.30, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £196.70. CSF:

£481.75. Yng: £102.40. 4.40: 1. OUT OF SIGHT (L Newton) 33-1:

That £790.40. 5.10: 1. GIVE ME A RING (Dean Mare-S.10: 1. SIME ME A RING (Dean Molfe-own) 9-1; 2. Major Change 10-1; 3. Genne Ploy 7-2 fat. 12 rear. 4, %. (C Thornton, Mid-delenm). Totas 57.40; 52.20, 52.60, 51.50. DF: £36.90. CSP. £74.02. Tricast: £255.61. Tho: £34.50. MP: Champagne Prince, Cottai-Chef. Champagne Prince (6-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rufe 4 appless to all bets, deduction 10p in the pound. Jacopot: Not worg. £16.672.39 carried for-ward to Thinsk today.

Piace 6: £176.90. Piace 5: £49.67. 2.15: 1. POOL MUSIC Ri Hughes) 3-1; 2. Compradore 25-1; 3. Percy-P 7-2. 8 ran. 9-4 fev (Incoheshire (50). 1½, 1½, Ri Hannon, East, Evenlaugh). Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £3.50, £1.20, DF: £20.00. CSF: £64.72. Not £84.40; £96.38 carried breward to Thirsk 4.55 codes. NIST Table A Total

today. NR: Take A Turn. 2.45: 1. BULE WAY-BRIAL (M Herry) 20-1; 2. Agent Mulder 33-1; 3. Carlys Quest 12-1; 4. Interdream 9-1. 18 ram. 3-1 fav Abajany (5th), 1/2, 1/2, (J. Hills, Lambourn). Total £66.30; £8.70, £8.50, £3.30, £2.30. DF: £340.60. CSF: £494.13. Tricast: £7,471.07. : £326.00; £293.89 carried for sk 4.55 today.

Thirsk 4.55 today.
2.20: 1. RADIESMERE (C Rutter) 10-11
fay; 2. Double Allegad 13-5; 3. Fietcher
16-1.4 ram. Sh-hd. ½. (P Cole, Whatcombe).
Totas £1.70, DF: £1.80, CSF: £2.50. Totas £1.70, DF. £1.80, CSY: £2.90.
3.50: 1. BEN GERM (R Cootrare) 12-1;
2. Ansher Fort 7-2 fav; 3. Milhtz 12-1; 4.
White Settler 20-1. 19 ran. Hd, 1. [P Waieyn, Lambourn). Totas £10.90; £2.00,
£1.40, £4.00, £3.80. DF: £34.70, CSY: £47.95, Tricost: £514.20, Tric: £233.20.

NR: Manseb, After a stewards' inquiry Elliand who driefled second was disqualified and placed last.

4.20: 1. FORGET TO REMINDATE (P P Murdoven, Tota: £46.00; £6.00, £1.60, £2.50. DP: £72.10, CSF: £107.71, Trio: £154.30.

16 ran. 15-8 tay (Gros (4th). 174, 5. IP Chap-ple-Hyern, Manton). Tota: £4.60; £1.60, £1.90, £2.70. DF: £12.00. CSF: £25.54. Trics 5.20: 1. MAZURER (Pas. 2004); 5-4 W; 2. Serious. Trust 33-1; 3. Attentite Met 9-2. 14 ran. 3½, 5. (M Pipe, Wellington). Toker 53.40; £3.10, £5.90, £1.80. DP. £33.10. CSP. £71.34, Tricast: £186.08. Tric. £34.70. Place 90: £141.10. Quadpot: £13.20; Place 8: £355.36, Place 8: £160.55.

PERTH PERTH

1.55: 1. KNOW-NO-NO (R Gerrito): 9-2;
2. Kincerdine Bridge 25-1; 3. All Clear 9-1;
2. Ren. 4-7 fox Railego (4th). 17, 10. (M Hammond), Totac £5-20; £1.10, £2.70, £1.60...
DF: £98.60. CSP: £78.25. Tric: £132.40. NR

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(G Normanus): 10th: 12th: 15th: 15th

£1.70, £1.30, £1.30. br. Lashyi 7-1; 2. £.00: 1. QUEENSMAY (F Lashyi 7-1; 2. Young Toran 20-1; 3. Old Bombay 4-1. 14. Years 9-4 few Wotstheproblem (5dth. 6, 9. U PitsBaraid). Totas: £5.60; £2.80, £5.30, £2.00, DF: £108.90. CSF: £136.53. Irlor £123.10.

Place 8: 256.64. Place 8: £11.70.



tailed-off last in the Yorkshire at the same stage last year and conditions to the same stage last year and conditions in front of him, but he is a quirky horse who needs to arrive late, added "We have had three and even though Pat Eddery did

Most of Godolphin's runters so far this season have been three-year-olds whose abilities tripped over at some time. But are relatively unknown, but Classic Cliche, winner of the road as soon as possible." 1995 St Leger and last year's Gold Cup at Ascot, has proved himself at the highest level, which made yesterday's per-formance all the more signifi-

"Frankie Dettori said he went out like a light but he had seemed unlikely as he turned for been working as well as he had home with all eight of his rivals

NEWBURY

2.10 Generous Libra

3.10 YASHMAK (nap)

2.40 Whitechapel

NEWBURY 2.40: WHITECHAPEL, not disgraced in finishing seven lengths seventh to Peckinpah's Soul in a Listed race at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in February, has less to do here and goes well in the mud. Sharp Consul may prove his biggest danger.

3.10: YASHMAK, who finished a dismal 14th of 15 behind Sleepytime in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarform that enabled her to land the Group One Prix Marcel Boussac ket on her reappearance, deserves

I Left-hand course.

I Course is south-cast of town near A34. Railway station (service from London, Parkling-on) actions course. ADMISSION: Members 517 (Juniora 18-21 SR-50); Tattersalls free all 17-page-oils or under free all

SLINEERED FIRST TIME: Boojum (visored) (3.10).
WINNES IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Gothenberg (3.40) sent 237 miles by M Johnston from Middlebur M. Verbre.

- 17 declared BETTING: 11-4 Shehem, 9-2 Snow Perchige, 11-2 Generum Libra, 8-1 Titin Ruffo, 10-1 Sharbadarid,
Palithel Son, 12-1 Asef Albind, Blembury HE, 14-1 The Regoliator, 16-1 Prince Of Bhaton, 28-1

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FORM GUIDE

Sharp Consul races off the same mark as when he ran Champagne Prince to a neck at Newmarket (Lim 2f) a fortnight ago on his first eppearance in eight months and he goes well on the soft. He should go close if he stays that trip, which he tackes for the first time. ROYAL SEATON is another who has yet to score beyond a mile and a quarter but he gets today's trip and he acts on the soft. He has failed to reach a place in three runs this seaton after market with the problem.

(CLASS C) £8,000 added 1m 4f £5,800

1996: Keltul 3 9 Q M J Kinana 5-1 (L Cumani) damin (17) 20 ran

3.40 First Island (nb)

4.15 Another Fantasy

4.45 Referendum

not hit the front until well inside the final furlong, his mount still had time to shorten his stride and all but allow Mons, the runner-up back in.

Eddery persuaded him to keep going, but incurred a twoday ban for misuse of the whip in doing so. The Gold Cup at Ascot, and with it recognition as the best stayer around, is now the obvious target for Celeric. There are ambitious plans too for Symonds Inn, the Glas-

3.48: FIRST ISLAND, a creditable

problems.

year-old. Gretel may pose mos

head second to Wixin in the Group Two Sandown Mile on his reap pearance, is untested on soft ground but, if he handles it, should have a bit too much class for the mudlov ing Spinning World, the winner by a short-nose of the Group Two Prix du Mugnet over a mile at Saint-Cloud on his reappearance.

gow Stakes winner, who is now 25-1 (from 100-1) for the Derby on 7 June. Trained in Yorkshire by Jimmy FitzGerald, the colt would be a hugely popular - if highly improbable - winner

Blue Duster, Godolphin's runner in the Duke Of York Stakes, actually managed to reach the frame, and time may show that her failure to overcome Royal Applause was certainly no cause for shame. Barry Hills's colt was one of the best juveniles of 1995, and he now appears to have found his true vocation. The sprinter that can beat him in the July Cup at Newmarket will surely be the

best in Europe. Michael Hills, his jockey, was an excited man after cruising home a length ahead of Farhana. "It was a real buzz to go that fast on a horse," Hills said, "and I don't think I've ridden anything faster. Gallic League was quick but this horse has more class and he II be very hard to beat in the July Cup.

3.10 VODAFONE GROUP TRIAL STAKES (Listed) (CLASS A) £18,000 added 3YO fillies 1m 2f £12,315 4016-0 BOOMM (22) (C) (Mrs A D Bounet B Hist 5 12 M HIST S V 91 1030 GREED, (229) Shalin Morammed M Stoca 9 9 J Bod 4 111 3 41. TEMPTING PROSPECT (22) (C) (The Queen Lost Humangton 8 9 J Detted 2 9 9 4 122-0 YASHMAK (USA) (12) (K Abdula) H Cool 8 9 K Fallon 1 112

BETTIME: 4-5 Yashmak, 3-1 Gretal, 5-1 Boolum, 13-2 Tempting 1998: Mezzygorno 3 8 9 R Cockvane 5-2 (G Wrage Green (B) 5 rai FORM GUIDE

YASHMAK, despite beating only one home bannind Steepyame in the Guineas, will appreciate the change in the ground and the longer destance. A half-asser to 1.993 Derby victor Command in Chief, crack miler Warning and last year's Derby and St Leger numer-up Dustryantor, Yasmak went in at Newmarket first time up last July and was second in both other starts last term – behind Red Camille at Sandown and Ryatin (who is in the same ownership) in the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp, beaten a head. Beojust, winner of the Listed Radley Stakes here on the soft last October, is tried in a visor effer her disappointing run at Newmarket on her relium – she drifted from 7-2 to 6-1 – but it might be Gretel who proves Yashmak's toughest real. Gretel lecks a recent race but that shouldn't matter too much because she won first time up last term – on softsin ground at Sandown – and comes from the inform Michael Stoure stable. She halled to act to that success but finished a two-length third to Reams Of Verse in the May Hill at Doncaster, Tempting Prospect best Badlesmere and Captain Collins – both winners this season – on soft ground here last October on the last Othor runs at two and can also figure.

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| [| 3.40 | RIDDMONTE LOCKINGE STAKES (Group 1) (CLASS A) £100,000 added 1m £73,321 | |
| 1 | | ACHHARNE (21) (D) (Parrox Racing) C Britain 4 9 0 | 13 i |
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| 3 | 211-13 | ALL-ROYAL (20) (D) (BF) (Greenbay Statutes Ltd) H Card 4 9 0 | 15 I |
| 4 | 012/0- | - ALLIED FORCES (USA) (363) (Codolphe) S bin Surpor 4 9 0doubthal 12 | - 1 |
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| 6 | 1123-3 | 88N ROSE (21) (C) (D) (Mr W Said) () Loder 5 9 () | 14 |
| 7 | 450-52 | CAYMAN KAI (11) (8F) (AF) (AF) (A N Wight) R Hannon 490 | 22 I |
| 8 | | DECORATED HERD (168) (D) (BF) (Extrs last H Allen) J Gosden 5 9 O.,R Cockman 8 1 | |
| 9 | | EVEN TOP (43) (Air B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tomplans 4 9 0 | |
| 10 | 2351-2 | FRIST ISLAND (21) (D) (ESP) (Molest Record & Works 5 9 0 | 24 |
| 11 | 443484 | GOTHENBERG (21) (D) (Bran Yeardley Contracted) M Johnston 4 9 0 | 18 |
| 12 | 6122-1 | SPECIAL WORLD (15) (D) (Narros Family)) Pesse(F) 4 9 0 | 22 [|
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BETTING: 6-4 Spinning World, 3-1 First Inland, 5-1 Even Top, 10-1 All-Reyal, 12-1 Bis Rosie, 14-1 Decorated Hero, 16-1 Gothenhard. 20-1 others viet Line 690 T Quinn 13-2 (M Stoute) drawn (1) 7 ran

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FORM GUIDE.

Jonathan Pease recisions SPRIMING WORLD, who got home by a head in a Group Two at
Saint-Cloud two weeks ago despite being short of work because of firm ground, is as good
as ever. Winner of the irish 2,000 Gunness last season, Spirining World picked up anothre Group One when lending the Phy. Jacques let Marok at Desaville and his only bad affort
to date was behind Bijou D'Inde on the St. James's Palace, at Royal Ascot, where he was
clearly not himself. First Island, who tasted Royal Ascot glory in the Prince of Welse's Stakes,
ster landed the Susses Stakes at Goodwood and the Hong Kong International of Sha Tin.
He was beaten half a length by Worm at Sandown on his return with Bim Roske a shorthead away third, Gothenberg fourth, Achainme fifth and Beaucharap King sidth of eight.
First Island, who sparkled in a gallop last Saturday, is 6th better off with all of those who
finished behind him at Sandown except Gothenberg (2th worse), he can also confirm Susscakes form with Athaenth (brid) and All-Royal and Caywana Kal, who were both some
way adrift. Even Top, inched out by Mark Of Esteem in last season's 2,000 Guinees, finished two and a half lengths in front of First Island when they were fourth and fifth to Bosra
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Starm in the Chempion Stakes, Mark Tomplans' charge finished a 15-length fifth to Sassa

1998: Kellul 3 9 0 M J Krisne 5-1 (L Current) drawn (17) 20 ran
FURBLE GRIDE

A good chance this for SHAMEEN to make it third time lucky. Henry Cecil's good-looking
Derzig cott ~ a 385,000-dollar yearling ~ finished third of 18 to Latalomne on his introduction at Nottinghem last morth and an Badlesmere to three-quarters of a langth at Kernpton. The Badlesmere year of Paul Cote, which has a good record at this track, is represented
by Snow Paritridge, beaten a length and a half by Musheer at Ascott in July and a fourlength third to Cybertechnology at York in October only his other attempt. Generous Librashaped well on his only outing last term, finishing third, at more than three lengths, to Chrison Tate at Newmarket in October. A half-brother to Shanghai Gri and Bin Rosle, he comes
from David Loder's stable and should be it enough for his return. Tithe Reffo. a nurringon third of 18 to Decoit at Salisbury (7f) on his single start of less sesson, was again putting
in his best work at the finish when beeten three parts of a length by Zuressid over the same
distance at Doncester on his reappearance. He was just found warring for a turn of foot
when tred at today's trip and beaten a length and a quarter by SIT Taibot twell beaten next
time) at Leleosater-and the changhe in the ground might be a holp. Luce Current, successtil with Keltol in this event a year ago, saddles the newcomer Shantasdarid, who is out of
a half-sister to 1988 duel derby hero Shahrastani. Blewbury Hill was troublesome at the
Johnson Houghton's coit could go well with Pat Eddey booked for the ride. Michael Stoute's
seathful Stom, a hell-higher from his afterniter of the foot of the ride. Michael Stoute's
seathful Stom a hell-higher from his artenied debut in Reshirks race here four wells ago. Pulte
Johnson Houghton's coit could go well with Pat Eddey booked for the ride. Michael Stoute's
seathful Stone a hell-higher from race and seathers. 4.15 HighCLERE STUD STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added 270 fillies 5f 34yds Penalty Value £4,880 ZTU TIMBES ST S-PYCIS PORTRETTY VARIUS Z-A,DOX AMORRER FANCIASY (1.1) (D) (Mrs P Abert) R Harron B 11 BODF-MEDISTRICTION (B) (D) (Bodian Stud List) A Bailey 8 11 HOH CH MIN (2.1) (D) (Ar T i Mesis) R Bote 8 11 MADMAN (USA) (Harrish Al Marcount) P Watern 8 5 SUMMER DEAL (USA) (Air M Arbib) P Cole 8 5 BETTENG: 5-2 Rectificated struction, 3-1 Practices, 7-2 Another Fundacy, 11-2 Heb Chi Min, Settleper Deal,

FORM SUIDE

Ho Chi Min and Bodfarfdistinction won last week at Heydock (soft) Chester (heavy) respectively and Alan Bailey thinks a lot of the latter, who stormed in by six lengths. However, one who can mester both is ANOTHER FANTASY, who, although the least fancied of Richard Hennon's two numbers on her introduction in the opener at Kempten 11 days ago — the other, Memorial, was 5-2 favourits and finished fourth — ran on strongly to score by a couple of lengths and is bound to progress. Pacifica led until Inside the final furforg when going under a length and a quarter to Risky Whisky at Heydock (soft) in march on her debut and showed the benefit of that experience when scoring decisively at the Newmarket Craven meeting. Summer Deal is out of a mare related to Breeders' Cup Mile Victor Royal Academy, Peter Welwyn's debutante Newmarks is by 2,000 Guness winner Stadeed out of a helf-dister to smart speakster Ressit.

Selections ANOTHER FANTASY

4.45 FURLONG CLUB STAKES (CLASS B) £12,000 added 3YO GF Penalty Value £7,869

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| 2 | 4120-1 | SASTAR (20) (Hamden A) Makeburni P Walken 9 C | 2 رستانی |
| 3 | 132-0 | MUKADDAR (USA) (30) (D) (Hermian Al Makonum) C Bensteed 9 0R Co | ا دمدین |
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| , | 24-471 | DANCETHERMANDAY (10) (Air G A Boole)) B Mechan 8 9Dance | O'Helli 1 |
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6.00 How Could I 6.35 Formal Invitation 7.05 Sharp Thyne 7.35 Nearly At Sea 8.10 Pash-

GOING: Good to Soft (Good in places).

Left-hand course with 200yd run-in.

Course SW of Stratford-on-Avon on Ad39. Stratford station one runts says. ADMISSHON: Club S 12; Tattersalls SR, Course S4. CAR PAREL: Free; plants area parking 12.50.

BUINERED PREST TIME: Salakan (6.00); Idiotic (6.35);
New Ross (8.40); Semay Nun (8.40); Fenhan Court (vi-cored, 6.00). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: None.

LONG-DESTANCE MONNERS: Lucky Call (8.40) & Mon Auste (8.40) sent 185 rules by A Hobbs from Headham.

6.00 RICHARDSONS PARKWAY MARES NOV SELLING HOLE £2,375 2m 110yd US3501. PENNAN COURT (13) (D) P Bens 6 11.3

0090 BOLD TIME MONTEY (20) M Teta 6 10 10°C Lives 500 CALLEDWINE (57) H Day 8 10 10 JMr 5 Densit 30 GARRIELLE GENARD (228) M Harmond 5 10 10 000 GLENDROMACH (101) B Carridge 5 10 10 G Lyons 000-55 LANDSIGER STAR (14) F Halls 7 10 10 LD Saller (5) UCP 127304 (55) J Fox 5 10 10 S Fox 255363 PEDALTOTHERETOL (63) (0F) R Audies 5 10 10 S Fox POPO40 PERSON BUTTERFLY (FBO) R Surner 5 10 10

O ROSELBM (44) H Kentregit 5 10 10 — In Richards COSCOPO BOYAL CLIRY (15) H Harma 8 10 10 Mr L Bellet (7) OPPOPP WOODLANDS ENERGY (104) P Printered 8 10 10 — SIAN DANN (16 R Procs 4 10 5 M W

notey's trip and he acts on the soft. He has failed to reach a place in tirde rurs this sea-son after missing the two previous campaigns but is coming down in the strips, while the booking Mersh Failon is another plus. Whitechapel is proven at the trip and is a winner over a furiong further here but he tailed to score in 1996 and was emplaced in two outings at Cagnes in February. He got home by a short head from Royal Seaton at Assoct in 1994 and the latter should furnithet secund with his 5th advantage. White Plains has yet to win beyond a mile and a quarter but gets the distance. He appears to need fait ground to pro-duce his best, however. Caffron Best, who is at his best in the mud, was iff from hunding when only ninth of 16 to Break The Roies at Chester. Selections ROYAL SEATON

6.35 FRANCIS GRAVES NOVICE CHASE £5,000 2m Sf 110yd 4/2111 FORMAL INVENTION (S) (D) D Nichobon 8 11 10 114Lt13 MEPERIAL VINTINGE (20) Miss V Villiams 7 11 10.....

-F3142 ENOTIC (37) P Cramings 9 11 6 Like C Vigors (5) 8 34-P25 ENTLINE STAT (95) Man H Hright 7 11 0 L Calledy PC-C2P LETTLE ELLOW (27) SHOTO Earle 9 11 0 L Aspett (2) 5 declared -— 5 declared — BETTHO: 10-11 Formal Invitation, 5-2 Imperial Vistagia, 6-1 16-otic, Bayline Star, 33-1 Unite Effort.

7.05 BIRSE CONSTRUCTION HCAP HOLE £3,000 3msf #200-0 IMBNAON (44) R Bazingon 14 to 1 .. R Massey (3) 250006 Wild IEBOWET (6) C Elector 7 to 0 Sophic Williams (4) R

20064P JOY FOR LIFE (13) R Strongs 6 10 0 _____ J Carloty PPPSSP CASTLERRY LAD (16) R Carlo 14 10 0 J Parishouse (7) Minimum weight: 10st. True handlesp weight: Whitebornet 9st 10th, July For Life Set 7b. Carbbay Led 7s 13b. BETTING: 3-1 Sharp Thyng, Millmount, 7-2 St Ville, 11-2 Lottery Ticinet, 8 Whitebounet, 12 Fulber O'Brien, Joy For Life, 50 others.

7.35 INTERLANK NOVICE HUNT-ER CHASE £4,000 Sm 0-2111. ALLER MOOR (50% Airer 6 12 0 Mr.) Tecard (7) Mr A Dalloo (7)

F1043 MANHOOR (5)(D) R Woods 6 12 0 Mr R Anneson (7) P13392 MR BORBET (22) P E Mile 7 12 0 — Mr R Burbon (7) -P1321 SET OF A CITIZEN (20) (D) G Uswellyn 6 11 9... Mr E Williams (7)

632112 BROWN BABY (12) G R Yer 11 11 9 . Mr 6 New (1 F1-21 NEASEY AT SEA (19) (2) C Down 8 11.9 1-31 SMANSEA GOLD (62) (D) H E North 6 11 9 ... - 10 declared -BETTERS: 5-2 Calibrate Delight, 8-1 Aller Moor, 7-1 Serveys Sc Numby At Sea, Summon Gold, 10-1 First Commund, 12-1 other

8.10 ROM LTD HANDICAP CHASE £6,300 1 430053 SAVARD DIEU (20)N Gessies 9 11 10 ...C Lieuwillyn 2 464-60 Paystro (45) Rendemon 10 11 10 M A Fitzgardd 3 -29129 Factor (50) N Hendemon 10 11 10 M A Fitzgardd 4 2F1202 SUPER COW (27) (5) R Lee 9 10 13 R Johnson

BETTING: 9-4 Super Colo, 3-1 Borred Dies, Pacific, 4-1 Factor Ten 8.40 HAMER FORD NOVICE HURDLE £3,650 2m 6f 110yds

00456U COOL HARRY (13) H Hagnes 6 11 0 Mr S Darack (7)

ON WEDNESDAY IT WAS THEM.

Draw date: 14/5/97. The winning numbers: 2, 8, 16, 21, 29, 37. Bonus number: 22.

| Total Sales | : £25,631,554. Prize Fund: | £11,534,199 (45% of th | cket sales). |
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| CATEGORY | NO. OF WINNERS | AMOUNT FOR EACH WINNER | TOTAL EACH TIER |
| Match 6 (Jackpot) | 7 | £491,003 | £3,437,021 |
| Match 5 plus bonus ball | 14 | £75,538 | £1,057,532 |
| Match 5 | 739 | £894 | £660,666 |
| Match 4 | 31,313 | £46 | £1,440,398 |
| Match 3 | 492.454 | £10 | £4,924,540 £11.520,157 |
| TOTALS | 524.527 | ·} | rounded down to nearest £1): £14,042 |
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IT COULD BE YOU. THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

HYPERION 200 Mysticism 2.30 Welton Arsenal 3.00 Sea Preedom 3.35 Andreyev 4.05 Peniop 4.35 Bold Demand 5.10 Sylvan Princess

GOING: Good to Ferm. STALLS: 3.00 & 4.25 - far side; remainder - centre. DEAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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Gourse is SW of town on A1504. But find from Cambridge and Newmarket stations. ADMESSION: Clab 5.16 (16 to 25-year-olds 5.5); Grandstand & Paddock £10 (16 to 25-year-olds 5.5); Framily Engloyees S. CAB 5.00 ft. 5.00 28; Grandstand & Paddock EU (18 to 22-year-can 22); * Americans e S. CAR PART. Free.
ELRMERICH FURST TIME Fortune Hopper (4.05), Saltando (5.10).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.
LONG-DESTANCE EURORES! Chickweizh (2.20) sent 304 miles
by B Palling from Ystradowen, South Glamorgan.

2.00 EBF DITCH MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)

£5,000 added 2YO filles of DEADOND WASTE G Revery 8 11 _______M Risepect 3 Fichact Howerth 8 Master 8 11 _____M Roberts 7 Martin 8 11 ______M Roberts 7 MAH (USA) Sanat bin Susa Fransuse M. Bell & 11,... 8 5 THANHAM (25) C Allen 8 11 Martin Dayor (2) 4

— 8 declared —
BETTENC: 7-4 Suffron Lace, 4-1 Mysiciam, Silvet Orbiole, 10-1 Potanjin
SS-1 Diamond White, 44-1 Teleband, 20-1 Pump Houlthappear

2.30 NGK SPARK PLUGS RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £11,650 added 7f (CLASS B) £11,650 added 77
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5300 ERERA (ADDER) (100 P Notesin 4 9 0 R highes 3
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(6001.11-4 Saltim, 6-1 Carleman Tryst, Chickenicka, Welfon Arseoni,
Alexahinan, 10-1 General Academy, Highborn, Sahot, 12-1 Multicover

3.00 EQUITY FRIANCIAL COLLECTIONS HYCAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 6f (CLASS D) 25,500 added 1nt 6F

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25-511 SEA FREEDOM (27) (b) 6 Bailing 6 9 5 ___ 5 Ducema 1 V

30000- MOBILE (120) MF Revely 6 8 5 __ Mrs Manuely 8 8 5 _0 Marries 2

360-5 DUPESS GET (123) (6F) Mrs M Revely 8 8 5 _0 Marries 2

012123 SOUMMA (21) (5) R Power 7 8 3 ____ 8 Hand 7 B - 8 deciment -BETTING: 5-2 See Freedom, 5-2 Pull Throttle, 5-1 Waleh MRI, 6-1 Scoje-na. 8-1 Maric Combination, Ancient Quest, Eugress GRT, 12-1 Hobie Lord

| 4 | .05 | EQUITY FINANCIAL CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m |
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| 2 | -VIES1 | SCHOOL STATE Colored C 7 |
| 3 | -0000T | PSAOF (6) (0) 6 Meetan 8 7 |
| 4 | V03-U4 | SOURA (IRA) (15) P Kelleway 8 2 |
| 5 | -70 ES | TURIUME NUTTER (119) PERIO 8 1 6 Bernard 1 V |
| 6 | **30-30 | IANGLYMYNE (18) S Woods 8 0 R Pireach (5) 5 |
| - | | HELLA DAMELLA (254) T Clement 7 12 R Medien (5) 2 - 6 declared - |
| 95 | INE 15 | Edg Sea, 2-1 Peniop, 11-2 Soura, Fortune Hopper, 7-1 Jun- |
| | jve, 20-1 | Bella Daviella |
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| 4 | .35 | ASHLEY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 4f |
| 1 | | ASSURED GAMBLE (31) C Billion 90 |
| 2 | | AWESOME WELLS H Cool 9 0A McGlose 3 |
| 3 | 4-2 | BOLD DEMAND (13) Seed bir Surger 9 () |
| 4 | Ō | GO GREEN FLAG (13) Mrs J Card 9 0G Burdinell 4 |
| 5 | | NOT FORGOTTEN (USA) (11) P Kelleney 9 0 R Hinghes 5 V |
| 6 | • • • • | SILVER WONDER (USA) L Curren 90 |
| 7 | 4 | SUM ALERT (USA) (12) M Palater 89 |
| - | _ | -7 declared - |
| BET | TING: 6-4 | Arresome Wells, 3-1 Assured Samble, 4-1 Silver Wooder. |
| 7-1 | San Alert | , 8-1 Not Forgotten, 12-1 Go Green Flag |
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| 5 | 10 | TUDOENHAM LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 added 7f |
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| | 00-610 | TUDDENHAM LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 added 77 SAFEY ANA (14) (D) B Horizuy 6 9 7 |
| 1 | 00-610 5/0-10 | SAFEY ANA (15) (1) B Harbury 6 9 7 0 O'Donobbe (3) 11. STAR OF RING (16) (1) (81) M H-Elis 4 9 7 S Drowne 7 |
| 1 2 | 00-610 5/0-10 3101-0 | SAFEY ANA (148, 175) S Hanbury 6 9 7 0 0'Donoboo (3) 11 STAR OF ROME (16) (0) (8F) M H-Elis 4 9 7 S Drowne 7 BLOCKADE (USA) (18) (CD) M Bell 8 9 4 M Femion 6 |
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| 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 00-610 5/0-10 3101-0 2000-4 00060- 010-60 | SAFEY AMA (149 (D) B Hanbury 6 9 7 D O'Domobbe (3) 11. STAR OF RENG (16) (D) (RF) M H-Ells 4 9 7 S Drowne 7 BLOCKUDE (USA) (18) (CD) M Bell 8 9 4 M Pastion 8 LOCKUDE (USA) (18) (CD) M Bell 8 9 4 M Pastion 8 MOUNTSAFE (195) (CD) M Belly 5 9 4 Deen McKleown 4 SALTANDO (7) (C) Par Machell 6 9 4 T Species 5 V |
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04-022 ARLE SRESHET (24) (CD) M W Eastedy 5 8 11

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Lions have the scent of battle

Chris Hewett finds Fran Cotton's squad raring to go for next week's first match of the South African tour

The 1997 Lions may smell like the innermost recesses of a Supermodel's vanity bag, thanks to a sponsorship deal with the Yardley's cosmetics firm, but all they want right now is to catch a first whiff of gunsmoke down Jo'burg way. Somehow, the scent of blood suits them far more than the scent of lavender.

Martin Johnson's 35-strong party talked themselves on to a war footing yesterday, the siege mentality clearly in evidence as they turned their minds towards South Africa and a three-Test series against a legion of Springboks with history burning a hole in their collective ego. Declarations of intent come cheap, however, especially when they are delivered an entire hemisphere away from the

'We're heading for a different rugby culture, an environ-ment in which a fetish has been made of physical size and physical intimidation," said Jim Telfer, the assistant coach, from the seductive surroundings of a luxurious country hotel in deepest Surrey. But while his Scottish brogue was calm and

element of hardened steel; enough, certainly, to suggest that he at least would be fully prepared for the tour opener on the killing fields of Port Elizabeth a week tomorrow.

"I think we are looking for-ward with relish to the challenge of confrontation. South Africa is a foreign country with a foreign attitude; when you tour New Zealand you feel you are taking on kindred spirits and we have grown used to the French way of doing things because we play them so regularly, but there is something in Springbok rugby that stands them apart."

Unsurprisingly, Fran Cotton, a potent symbol of outsized Lions muscle from a bygone age, some. "There will be a lot of talk of '74 down there," said the manager, recalling with obvious ly prized backsides kicked hard-

glee that seminal tour in which the Springboks had their higher, far harder, than ever before. "The South Africans would like to erase those events from the history books, but it happened and they know it. Whatever can be drawn from that trip will



Martin Johnson, the Lions captain, gets ready for the official team photograph in Weybridge, Surrey, yesterday

it is all about reproducing the unity of purpose we generated

The game may have moved on over the past two decades -but in Cotton's view, some aspects of the Springbok rugby experience will never change. "We'll be taking on the whole country again, just like before," he predicted. "Everywhere we go, people will chip away at our self-confidence and self-belief.

Discipline and professionalism will be vital ingredients both on and off the field because this tour is one of the toughest in the whole history of the Lions. Nothing short of 100 per cent commitment will do.

Which rather begged the question of Cotton's recent preoccupation with the minutiae of English rugby politics rather than the broader issue of taking on and seeing off the world champions. Would Fran now put the proverbial sock in it as far as Cliff Brittle, Tony Hallett, the RFU Reform Group and myriad other beefs and bitches were concerned? "Yes," he said, prompting sighs of relief that would have measured double figures on the Beaufort Scale.

The Lions have spent the last few days participating in a bizarre programme of teambuilding activities including ca-

the fray as they will ever be. That includes the major long term injury doubts Neil Jenkins, Tony Underwood and Keith Wood, who have respectively recovered from a broken arm, a broken jaw and a dislocated shoulder. It was certainly encouraging to

noeing and, er, competitive crate stacking and are as fit for

see Captain Johnson at ease with the world after the most gruelling domestic season in his, or

anyone else's, career. "There's been a lot of rugby but, thanks to professionalism, a lot of rest and recuperation as well," he said. "I honestly don't think I've ever felt so fresh at the end of the season." Those heavily perfumed sponsors have ensured that he smells fresh, too. The Springboks will not only need to stay on top of the tourists this summer. They will also need to stay upwind of

He was helped by Peter John-

son, his captain, who seldom

wasted the chance to score.

There were 10 fours in his 65 be-

fore his middle stump was up-rooted by Glen Chapple's yorker.

and deflected for his runs and

had only one four in his fifty.

which he celebrated with an

on-drive off Ian Austin for his

six Nottinghamshire wickets to

fall for a cost of 20 runs and

Austin took four of the last

second.

In contrast Afzaal nudged

Absolom sails through trial

Equestrianism GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Windson

Michael Whitaker and Geoff Billington yesterday proved impossible to beat, even without their best horses, when they filled the top two places in the Hildon International Championship Team Trial on the second day of the Royal Windsor

Horse Show. Whitaker's mount, Virtual Village Absolom, jumped three impressive clear rounds, de-feating Billington on Solitaire in a two-horse jump-off. Third place went to Robert Smith on Orthos, who cleared the fences about overran by a split second in the first of his two rounds for a quarter of a time fault.

The team trials, of which this was the first of four, were devised with the intention of opening up the competition for places on the squad for this year's European Champi-onships. So far the new formuhas given some

encouragement to Smith - and to Mark Armstrong on Prima and Tim Stockdale on Toggi Interview, who finished equal fourth - but others must have

had a distinct sense of déjà vu. David Broome, who was involved in setting the trials in motion in his role as chairman of the British Show Jumping Association, said that "cream always rises to the top." The observation referred to Nick Skelton and John Whitaker, joint sixth on Virtual Village Zalza and Hunter's Level as well as their Olympic team-mates, who finished first and second.

Broome, nevertheless, deends the format, which will see 3 the top three horse and rider combinations in the four trials gaining automatic selection for the British European Championship squad. "It's up to the others to earn themselves a place instead of moaning about it be-

ing a closed shop." Broome said.
Critics of the new trials were quick to point out that there was no water jump at Windsor and. considering that British horses landed in water on no fewer than seven occasions during the Atlanta Olympics, this seemed to leave out an essential element. Broome said that water will be included in the other three trials, the next of which is at Hickstead in July.

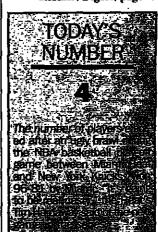
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THE PARKS: Worcestorative, with all their soc-ond-limitage wickets standing, least Oxford Uni-versity by 116 runs. Today: 11.0.

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Oxford Univ v Worcs

Another field day for bowlers

Cricket

JON CULLEY reports from Edgbaston Yorkshire 233 & 154_ Warwickshire 140 & 76-3

For the second day running, the bowlers held the aces here, the consequence of another high turnover in wickets being that the match was three-quarters over by tea. Barring storms today, the participants will be free to watch the Cup final tomorrow.

ell to get them on a pitch that has so far demanded a high degree of application and a generous slice of luck. If Darren Gough and Chris Silverwood get out of bed on the right side, it may soon seem a target beyond them.

Whatever the outcome, there are bound to be concerns expressed over the condition of the Edgbaston square with the Lehmann and Bradley Parker first Test less than three weeks away, especially given the con- an advantage and when Gough troversy over the last two Test removed Andy Moles and the wickets here. Mike Smith, the

lenge" but did not see anything alarming in the surface. "If you have two England bowlers on one side and Allan Donald on the other, it will be a challenge," be said, "But I did not see anything untoward. There was some lateral movement, which you want, but no-one has been

hit on the gloves or the helmet. Warwickshire lost their six remaining wickets for 76 yester-day, the last five going in the space of 20 deliveries in a rapid collapse from 138 for 5 to 140 all out after the left-arm spin-Warwickshire need a further ner Richard Stemp dismissed 172 to defeat Yorkshire but will the dangerous Trevor Penney.

er and then 22-year-old Gavin Hamilton returned to claim three wickets in 11 balls. Exposed to Donald again, with Brown offering good support and Giles getting turn, Yorkshire built on a first-innings

lead of 93 only with difficulty. Anthony McGrath and Craig White bagged a pair and only Darren survived long. But 154 gave them nightwatchman Tony Frost be-

Lawrence has Surrey on the ropes

Round-up

Gloucestershire secured a first-innings lead of 256 over Surrey at The Oval yesterday, then reduced their hosts to 59 for 3 to complete two days of total domination by the early Championship leaders.

Jack Russell (59) and Tim

Hancock (49) produced an eighth-wicket stand of 81 in 19 overs to keep the pressure on Surrey, for whom Alex Tudor finished with 6 for 101, while David Lawrence claimed two of the three Surrey second-innings wickets in a five-over burst before bad light brought

David Boon (45) and Martin Speight (47no) pushed Durham towards a useful first-innings lead against Essex at Chehnsford despite being frustrated by the weather. Resuming at 122 for 3 in reply to 237, the visitors finished a rain-restricted day on 236 for 5.

Dean Jones made his second Championship half-century of the season for Derbyshire in a rain-affected day at Lord's. Bad light claimed 50 overs and at the end of it Middlesex were 108 for 3 in their second innings, 76

Crawley flying as Atherton finds his feet

Once again Lancashire soon having a long spell in the mid-

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Old Trafford Lancashire 125 and 133-1 Nottinghamshire 263

The action was a good deal less hectic on the second day. The pitch had dried and changed colour and the great news for England was that John Crawley again showed he has come into excellent form at the best possible moment, while Mike Atherton has so far batted for 51 overs and by the end was

reports from Canterbury

Glamorgan 279; Kent 154

Kent were the victims of an ac-

cident vesterday. Bits and pieces

of their innings finished up scattered all over the St

Lawrence Ground after coming

into collision with Robert Croft.

Matthew Maynard, only

brought on the off-spinner to

bowl the day's first over to allow

Steve Watkin to change ends. A

wicket in his first over changed

Glamorgan's captain,

began to play with a compelling fluency. His timing was in good order too which made it even better to watch. Atherton was much less at looking much more like himself.

ease to start with. Early on there was a nice shot off his legs for four but he realised the importance of simply staying there and

later Croft had wrapped it all up

with 5 for 33, his first five-wick-

If rain had not intervened

during lunch and proceeded to

wipe out the rest of the day's

play, Glamorgan could have

been well on the way to mak-

ing Kent's future in this match

As things stand, given the

et haul of the season.

a lot more uncertain.

lost Jason Gallian, who com-

pleted a pair when, in the third

over, he played forward to one

from Kevin Evans which left

him and he was caught behind.

Crawley started with a love-

back-foot drive through ex-

tra cover for four off Evans and

dle. Crawley moved elegantly to his fifty with his eighth four, a pull to mid-wicket off Chris Tolley while Atherton's concentration never wavered. Thanks largely to Usman

Afzaal, who comes from Rawal-pindi, Nottinghamshire gained a lead of 138. Afzaal's admirable adhesiveness lasted for 322 minutes while he made 70 not out. He has had a good week. On Tuesday at Trent Bridge he made a hundred for Notting-

hamshire 2nd XI. As a result he

bowled at a competitive and was pulled out of that game and brisk medium pace, finding Croft the destroyer as Kent collapse that thinking and some 18 overs fine form with bat and ball. runs coming from them before

> his first delivery. Alan Wells managed to delay the inevitable by a further four balls before padding up to one that drifted Nigel Llong also fell leg-be-

Everything seems to be going for him so far this season. In all

three of Glamorgan's Champi-

onship matches Croft has tak-

en a wicket in his first over.

Against Warwickshire and

Yorkshire he took wickets with

fragility of the Kent batting yesterday, a lead of 124 could be the foothills to a mountain of runs and the pitch can only become more helpful to Croft. The England off-spinner is in

fore, again padding up, this time to a quicker, straighter ball. For a while Mark Ealham and Graham Cowdrey dug in, 31

Cowdrey pushed a little too far and was snapped up by Maynard at silly mid-off. Matthew Fleming was superbly taken by Croft off his own bowling and Martin McCague's valiant swat and swipe - he hit the only two boundaries to be taken off Croft, an edged four which almost knocked out Tony Cottey at slip and a huge six over midwicket - ended at extra cover.

And amid Croft's vintage display Darren Thomas found some life and line to dispatch Ealham, Paul Strang and Kent's captain, Steve Marsh.

Warwickshire chairman, ad- fore stumps the odds were shortmitted that batting was "a chal- ening against a Yorkshire win. Your chance to be coached by **Bernhard Langer**







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Britannic Assurance **County Championship**

Essex v Durham CHELMSFORD: Durham (49th), with five first-innings wickets standing, trail Essex (1) by one rain. Today: 11.0.

Second day of four

Essex won loss ESSEX - First tunings 237 (A P Greyson 76, 5 G Law 63: N Killsen 4-50, S J E Brown 4-54).

DURBHAM - Rest landings
(Overnight: 122 for 3)
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Total (for 5, 88.4 overs)
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Tabel Barder S J Effern M (Gleen AW)

To bat: J Boding, S J E Brown, N Killeen, A Walk Umpires: A G T Whitehead and K E Palmer.

Hampskire v Leicesterskire SOUTHAMPON: Leicestershire (7pts), with one first-insings wichet steading, lead Hempshire (5) by 41 mms. Today: 11.0. Hampshire won toss HAMPSHIRE - Piest Imings 285 (K D James 56no; A D Mudely 4-89). 265
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Kent v Glamorgan CANTERBURY: Kent (4pts) trail (6) by 125 runs on completion of Today: 11.0, Today: 3.1.0.
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Lancashire v Notts OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (4pts), with nine second-innings wickets standing trai Nattinghamshire (8) by five runs. Today:

LANCASHERE - First innings 125 (J P Craw-ley 51no: K P Evans 6-40).

Fell: 1-13, 2-13, 3-13, 4-37, 5-157, 6-182, 7-194, 8-218, 9-245,

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD Fall: 1-26, 2-91, 3-99. To Bat; tK R Brown, S P Moffat, R L Johnson, J P Hewit, A R C Freser, P C R Tufnell. Bowling: Malcolm 10-2-42-3; DeFreiras 10-1-37-0; Harris 6.4-2-25-0.

merset v Sussex TAUNTON: Sussex (5pts), with all their sec-ond-lanings wickets standing, trail Somer-set (8) by 182 rans. Today: 11.0.

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SUSSEX - Second Innings Moores not out W J Athey not out otal (for 0, 5 overs) . To bet: K Greenfield, M T E Peirce, N R Taylor, K Nevell, M J Thursfield, P W Janis, N C Philips, A A Khan, M A Roberson. Bowling: Caddick 3-0-6-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 2-2-0-0. Umpfres: B Leadbeater and R A White.

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G C Small c White is Hamilton
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D S Lehmenn c Gles b Brown
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C White low b Brown Felt: 1-0, 2-21, 3-38, 4-87, 5-91, 6-127, 7-128, 8-138, 9-149.

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Sacchi is

ruled out

as coach

of Madrid

Lorenzo Sanz, the Real Madrid

president, intimated yesterday that he has chosen a new coach

for next season and it is not Arrigo Sacchi, the manager of troubled Milan. "I know who is

going to train Real Madrid. I

haven't made an offer to Arri-

oning, Tenerife's Jupp Heynck-

es becomes the clear favourite

to take over from Fabio Capel-

lo, who has announced that he

will leave Real at the end of the

that Real players had attempted to persuade Capello to stay

on. "Capello has gone, what the

players have to do is play, and

it will be the chib board that de-

Extra security measures will be taken to guard against match fixing during the Youth World Cup finals in Malaysia next

month. Bookmakers are still a

Sanz also dismissed reports

With Sacchi out of the reck-

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Emerson primed for ejector seat

Simon Turnbull meets Middlesbrough's 'other' Brazilian, whose efforts have fallen some way short of his reputation

It was another brilliant performance by Middiesbrough's Brazilian genius. Having mas-tered the English language almost as well as he has the English game, Juninho's form was the highlight of the FA Cup final media day at the Riverside Stadium.

Informed of Rund Gullit's aversion to man-marking, he replied: "Oh, I feel very happy now." Asked which FA Cup final memories he held from his childhood, he returned the question: "Being honest?"

It was such a spellbinding show nobody in the audience turned round when Boro's boyish Brazilian was asked for whom he had voted in the PFA awards, and a voice at the back of the room shouted, "For me".

Considering Emerson conducted his interview in Portuguese, few could have suspected the quip had come from the man whose own samba beat has long since slowed to a mournful drum-roll down at the Riverside.

As a matter of fact, Juninho cast his vote for Gianfranco Zola, the blue-shirted genie against whose magical powers stands out as much for its rarity his own will be inevitably compared on Saturday.

Emerson has topped one poll at the end of his first, and surely last, season in English football. The readers of Fly Me To The Moon, Middlesbrough's out of this world fanzine, voted him the biggest disappointment of the season.

Questioned about his maligned compatriot, Juninho mustered a loyal defence. "Emerson has been playing very well," he maintained. "I don't know why some criticise him. He did very well this season. He had great games. He

helps Middlesbrough a lot."
It was a shame Paul Daniels, Teesside's less gifted conjuror, was absent "Not a lot," just about sums up Emerson's contribution to Middlesbrough's cause in the three seasons he has spent in England: autumn,

winter and spring. Since he went Awol in November, citing first a sick aunt and then a sick wife, the midfielder's influence has been minimal. The cracking semi-final goal he scored against Chesterfield

The early season queue of admirers lining up to back Bobby Robson's assessment of the £4m. man he sold from Porto as "the new Bryan Robson" disappeared as the clocks went back and Emerson went back to Brazil.

Instead, he is preparing to play Boro villain to Juninho's to on the Wembley stage after the disappearing trick he performed down the Elland Road tunnel while his club's Premiership fate still hung in the

balance last Sunday.
"I was upset with myself, only myself," Emerson claumed, through his interpreter, yester-"I wanted to be on the pitch, helping my colleagues."
The uncapped Brazilian was

conspicuous by his absence from morning training on the Riverside pitch, nursing an injured knee which is not expected to keep him out of tomorrow's probable swan-song for the high profile members of Boro's foreign legion. Emerson's feet were under a table in the Camsell Suite but he did not look like a man

nal in club football and I hope

"It was the right decision to

come here and I've never re-

gretted it," he said, before per-

very different but it was a very good experience.
"Now I'm only concentrating on the FA Cup final. It's the

haps betraying his intentions. Whether we win the Cup or not I'll need time to think about it "The culture in this country is and it's too early to say now."

It remains to be seen if any of the Continent's major clubs will be interested in one of the Prebiggest and most important fimiership's major underachievers

Steve Gibson, Middlesbrough's chairman, may regret the short shrift he gave to Bobby Robson's £5m bid from Barcelona when Emerson was threatening not to return from Brazil.

Not that the man himself was about to accept responsibility for his substandard displays. "I think all the criticism has been

The press did not think Middlesbrough could bring top class players to the North-east.

It is a shame for Middlesbrough and for Emerson that, in their fans' view, only one of the top-class players they are taking to London on Saturday

Photograph: Allsport threat in the game, Peter Velappan, secretary-general of the Asian Football Confederation, because of jealousy," he said. yesterday told reporters in Johore Bahru, one of the venues south of Kuala Lumpur.

"Johore Bahru is near to Singapore. Only recently, a Singapore player was charged in court for allegedly fixing a match in the S-League in the country," he said. "At the last Youth World Cup finals in Qatar, two Thai women and three Malaysian men were deported by the authorities for trying to fix the matches there. It could happen again here."

Velappan was in Johore to in-spect Larkin Stadium, site of Group F matches involving England Mexico the United Arab Emirates and Ivory Coast for the tournament, which runs from 15 June to 5 July.

In 1994-1995, Malaysia suspended more than a dozen players and coaches for periods anging from one to three years for alleged match fixing in the domestic Premier League.

tion yesterday fined Dinamo Bucharest £870 and ordered the club to pay damages esti-mated at £12,500 after their fans set fire to a stand, destroying some 700 seats, before last Saturday's match against Steaua Bucharest Dinamo have also



Emerson: 'The culture in this country is very different but it was a very good experience'

I'll be 100 per cent fit for it. I'll

think about pext season later.

Kafelnikov unable to unravel the puzzle

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Rome

The biggest impact Yevgeny Kafelnikov has made since his triumph at the French Open last year caused a self-inflicted hand wound, the result of taking a stroke-making, and yesterday's swing at a punchbag while mess- defeat, 6-3, 6-2 was par for the ing around in a Melbourne course Kafelnikov also failed to gym in January.

Absent from the Tour for three months as a consequence, the 23-year-old Russian has since experienced difficulty finding form and match fitness for the clay-court season. After losing to Alberto Berasategui in the third round of the Italian sceded Kafelnikov said he would require "a miracle" to make a successful defence of his title in Paris 11 days hence.

Kafelnikov was being a little hard on himself considering the history of his matches against Berasategui. The Russian has been unable to fathom the Spaniard's contorted style of take a set in their three previous matches, between 1993 and 1994. "He has a great forehand, and spins the ball and makes me run all over the court," the

frustrated Russian said. Although most players have a beie noise, it womied Kafelnikov that he was no nearer to coun-Open yesterday, the fourth- tering Berasategui yesterday than during his formative years.

Kafelnikov's problem goes deeper. Since his victory against Michael Stich in the final of last year's French Open, he has played only one match in a Grand Slam championship. And that was his defeat by Britain's Tim Henman in the first round at Wimbledon.

A groin injury caused him to miss the US Open in August and the punchball episode cost him participation in the Australian Open. Kafelnikov's defeat yesterday

meant that none of the top five seeds had advanced to the quarter-finals. Indeed, the Russian was the only one to have made it to the third round. Jim Courier surveyed the

carnage of the seeds he had

helped perpetrate by eliminat-

ilar events occurred at the French Open. Open is the operative word. As the unseeded Courier said, "There is nobody dominating the season." The Floridan speaks from experience, having won both the Italian and French titles

ing Pete Sampras, the world No 1 in the opening round, and said

he would not be surprised if sim-

twice between 1991 and 1993. "That time has passed - not to say that I will never win again at that level," Courier said. "I will not be No 1 again, but if I keep playing like I'm playing now, I can still be competitive."

It will be interesting to see how Courier copes today against Marcelo Rios, the Chilean No 7 seed who won the Monte Carlo Open last month. Rios is one of

last eight, the others being Alex Corretja and Goran Ivanisevic. Ivanisevic, No 6, defeated his old adversary, Boris Becker, the 12th seed, 7-6, 6-3. Ivanisevic, like Kafelnikov, has had his injury problems. This is the Croat's comeback tournament after trapping a hand in the door of his apartment in Split last month, breaking his right mid-

only three seeds remaining in the

dle finger in three places.

The last of the Italians lost esterday. Davide Scala, a qualifier, who made the most of Tim Herman's collapse after leading 6-1, 1-0, in the second round, competed well against Scott Draper, who won, 7-5, 6-2. The 22-year-old from Brisbane now plays Ivanisevic for a place in the semi-finals.

Wigan make pledge to shareholders

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Wigan have promised shareholders they will have the last say over any permanent move out of the town. The club's chairman, Jack Robinson, and vice-chairman, Tom Rathbone, will be the subject of an attempt to unseat them at an emergency meeting next Tuesday, after the board's decision to sell Central Park for

supermarket development. The two men say they will resign and offer themselves for re-election if a permanent relocation becomes "the only option". The club is also putting proceeds from the sale of their ground into a trust fund for a new stadium in the town. Ground-sharing with Wigan Athletic at a new stadium is also back on the agenda.

Paul Rowley, the Halifax booker who has been interesting Wigan, is the subject of a bid from Warrington, to whom he could move in return for Toa Kohe-Love plus a cash adjustment. Salford have signed the Australian utility back, Dave Web-

ber, from Hull KR while Huddersfield have recruited the Great Britain Academy forward Nick Fozzard from Leeds. Colin Maskill has been appointed to coach the Second Division's bottom side, Doncaster,

while Andy Goodway is ex-

pected to be named as coach of

Paris St-Germain when the

Romania's national federabeen ordered to play two match-

Hill's new engine falls short

Slaney in Olympic drug probe

Mary Slaney, the greatest mid-dle distance runner in United - USTAF official, without iden-

Slaney's attorney, Doriane confirm nor deny the reports ambelet Coleman, told the New yesterday. A spokesman said no

Track & Field, was dragging out the investigation, which is said to make high levels of the male sex then through the Doping Ap-

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Damon Hill's hopes of earning his first points of the Formula One season with his Arrows team has suffered a setback. The world champion said yesterday that the new Yamaha engine lacked "promise" following a testing session at the Magny-Cours circuit in France.

Hill believes he will be forced to use the present engine, which he has already said lacks horsepower. "The new engine we have been trying here hasn't shown too much promise, so we're going to be using the same engine for the rest of the season," Hill said.

The new engine was originally earmarked for the San Marino Grand Prix last month the Spanish round in Barcelona a week on Sunday.

Hill, however, hopes he can Portuguese round.

States history, is reportedly under investigation following a drug test she took at the

Olympic trials last year, writes Mike Rowbottom.

Lambelet Coleman, told the New

York Times that the governing

body of American athletics, USA

the investigation, which is said to involve high levels of the male sex

were detected in a urine sample taken from the 38-year-old for-

mer world champion last June.

"There is no question Mary

is innocent," the attorney said.

"She's been tested probably

more than any other athlete. She's never tested positive.

She's never taken testosterone

DAMED BUSSET TESTEMONIAL: COVERBY City

RAY WALLICER TESTIMONIAL: Port Vals y Leicester City (7,30).

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The Houston Oilers and the Memphis still force his way back into the top 10 on the grid in Barcelona through the team's use of

Bridgestone tyres. "We did some testing in Barcelona and if Bridgestone put together their knowledge of the circuit, we could hopefully work our way back into the top 10," he said. Arrows have already been linked with a new engine sup-

plier, Mugen-Honda, for the 1998 campaign.
This year's Portuguese Grand
Prix has been cancelled and re-

placed by a race at the Spanish circuit at Jerez because of doubts about the completion of improvements at the Estoril track, the FIA, the sport's ruling body, announced yesterday.
The event at Jerez will be

known as the European Grand but was set to be introduced at Prix and will take place on 26 October, the end-of-season date scheduled originally for the

evidence is clear and that will

tifying him, as claiming it was Slaney's side that was attempt-

ing to "bottle up" the case in hearings.
The USTAF would neither

comment was made on doping

cases until they had been

those tests were positive.

American football

and Shelby County Sports Authority day to move the NFL team to Memphis for the next two seasons. The team will be known as the Tennessee Oilers.

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BESCHOPPICE CUP (Bangadore, Wad): New Zosland 220 for 9 (50 overs, N J Astle 621; India 221 for 2 (42.3 overs, S R Terotular 117, S Ganstily 62), India wie by eight wickets.

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A Forsbrand (Swe); M Gronberg (Swe); C Mason; N Fastir (Swe); L Janner (Swe); D Karlsson; N Fastir (Swe); L Janner (Swe); D Karlsson; (Swe), 71 J. Rask (Swe); M Fany (Fr); P
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Three players have been forced out of the Scottish "Silver Thisties" squad who are to spend eight weeks in New Zealand this summer. Kewin Allan, the Boroughmuir hooker, Currie prop Alan Watt and Meirose centre Derek Bain have all withdrawn. They are replaced by Dundee HSFP hooker Gavin Scott. Boroughmuir prop Ross McNutty and Stirling centre Matt McGrandles. Ross Nesdale, the Newcastle hooker, yesterday pulled out of Ireland's tour to New Zealand and Western Samoa. Nesdale, who has damaged ribs, has been replaced by Shane Byrne, of Blackrock College.

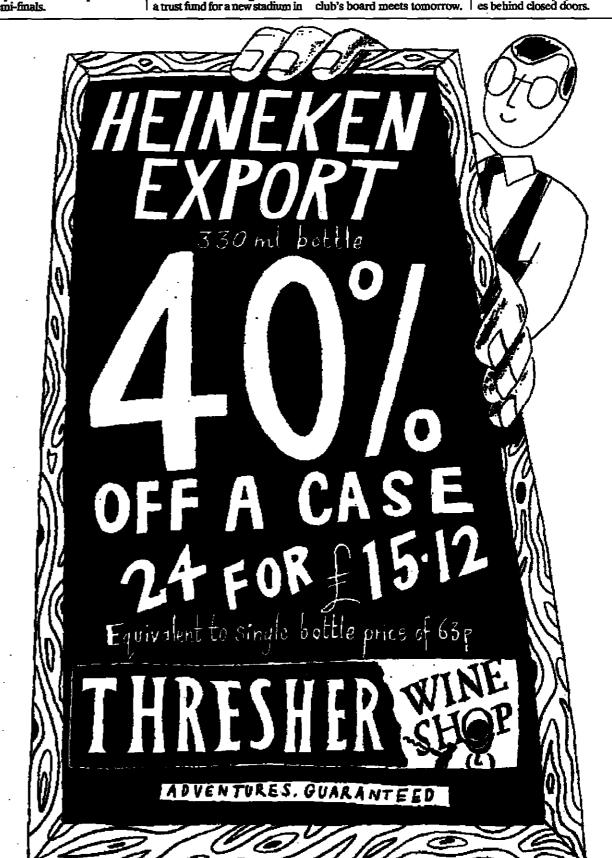
Chris Law best his fellow-Briton Andy Green 3-0 in the quarter-finals of the Lymington Cup in their best-of-five races yesterday. In another quarter-final, the Frenchman Bertrand Pacé best his competriot Thierry Peponnet 3-1.

Sicling

Andreas Goldberger, the three-times ski jumping World Cup champion, was yesterday suspended for six months and fined 100,000 schillings (£5,250) for taking occaine, which he admitted.

King's Lynn have lodged an official protest against a refereeing decision which cost them a vital point against Belle Vue, the Elite League leaders. WEDNESDAT'S LATE RESILENCE Eithe League King's Lynn 45 Balle Vue 45; Poole 47 Whitehemson 43; Premier Leaguer Huf 48 Aren Bress 42; Long Eston 59 Ednburgh 31.

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Selected stores now open until 10.30pm. Offer runs from 16.5.97 to 17.5.97 inclusive.

Prices correct at time of going to press. Normal case price £25.20. Available to over 18's only. Offer subject to availability. No further discounts apply including shareholder's discount.

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: St Helens vion-don Broncos (7.30). Second Division: Lancoshire Lynx v Hunslet (7.30).

Manchester Utd (7.45).

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7.30 unless stated ELITE LEAGUE: Peterborough v King's Lyst.

TODAY'S FIXTURES PREMIER LEAGUE Knock-Out Cup: Are-na Basex v Reading (8.0); Edinburgh v Glas-AMATEUR LEAGUE: Belle Vue v Exert & Newport, Peterborough v Oxford (7.0).

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Manchester United will field their strongest possible side in tonight's testimonial for the Coventry defender Devid Busst at Highfield Road. Only the injured Gary Pallister, Ryan Giggs, Roy Keane and Denis Irwin are missing of

Bernard Larne, the Parle St-Germain goal-leaper, was yesterday barned for five months, three suspended, after testing positive for cannebis while training with the French national teem in February. AVON WESTERMAN COMMENSION Flort Districts Norwich 1 Luton 4.

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CRICKET: Taylor finds some welcome form as tourists enjoy easy win in traditional curtain as

Wolves owner lambasts McGhee

Football ALAN NIXON

Mark McGhee's position as the manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers looked in serious jeopardy last night after he was accused of "blackmailing" his chairman into signing underachieving players.

The Wolves owner and mil-lionaire tax exile. Sir Jack Hayward, is deeply disappointed that his club have again missed out on promotion to the Premiership, and blames McGhee.

The Bahamas-based Hayward, 74, watched Wolves lose to Crystal Palace in the First Division play-offs before publicly expressing his dissatisfaction.
"There has been too much sloppiness and disregard for money. The golden tit, me, won't go on forever," he said.

It is blackmail. The manager goes to my son, Jonathan, the chairman, and says he must have a player to strengthen the side.

"I ask him why they are so expensive, why are they for sale, why don't they do it for their own clubs, but he asked me if I wanted a team in the Premier League and to win the FA Cup. I also ask why doesn't the play-er do it for Leicester or Reading, the two clubs we seem to

"Money has been wasted on players who have not come off or performed to their potential. A lot of clubs put the price up three times because it's Wolves and they laugh like a drain when we buy them. I see some players we have bought who do

not have the commitment and are overpaid with their sports cars and homes. They have let the fans down.

not succeeded."

whether Sir Jack is going to go on helping this club, but I think it is impossible to ask people to keep on doing it the way he and his family have," McGhee said. "We do have to look at the possibility that we are running out of time to capitalise on their in-

er to a courtroom collision course with the Premier League after their chairman, Steve Gibson, pledged to "fight all the way" in a quest to regain the deducted points that would have

plans but I can assure every one of our fans that we intend to fight all the way," he said. "I have to convince a lot of people that we are in the right and

Gullit ready to sell Vialli

Gianluca Vialli will be allowed to leave Chelsea this summer because Ruud Gullit will not tolerate any long faces around him.

The unhappy Italian, not even guaranteed his place on the substitutes' bench for tomorrow's FA Cup final against Middlesbrough, insists he will of his contract. But Gullit is adamant he will not try to keep anyone who is unhappy at the club, just as he sold Gavin Peacock and John Spencer early in his first year.

"I don't want any player to

leave, every player here is wel-come to stay," he said. "But if

tions with them and they just der these circumstances, so it's over. It sent a message because a whole lot of players then came to me and said, 'I want to want to go' so I accepted that. Strangely, players I had meetings with played more."

Hayward, who has invested £40m in the club – split equal-

McGhee, who had some good news with Steve Bull's announcement that he was prepared to sign a new contract, was already aware that Hayward's financial backing might be coming to end.

the player himself has said he wants to leave then it is difficult. "We had it already in the middle of the season with Peacock and Spencer. I had conversasaid they didn't want to stay unbe part of Chelsea, I don't

ly between the transfer market and redeveloping Molineux - in the last seven years, ended his tirade with an ominous warning for McGhee. "One would expect a manager who fails to take you where you belong, with everything going for him, to gracefully retire and say I have

"It's not for me to say

Middlesbrough moved clos

secured their top-flight status. "I can't go public over our

> the Duke of Norfolk's XI and the Australians is just as likely to be a testing ground for the visitors' infrequently worn longsleeve sweaters, as it is a harbinger of summer. But, despite the dank cold drizzle, Mark Tay-

> > bowling muscle as the Duke's side were well beaten. In truth the contest was a walkover against a scratch side whose strength revolved around three Zimbabweans - two Flowers and a Whittail - and three Tom Moody, declining the invitation to play. Nevertheless, Australia played what approx-

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reports from Arundel

Duke of Norfolk's XI 122

Australia win by 113 runs

It may have a long tradition, but

the curtain-raiser here between

lor's tourists were able to gen-

tly flex their batting and seam

imated to their likely one-day the ether, it looked as if form side for the forthcoming Texaco matches, the only notable absentees being their two wrist-spinners, Shane Warne

and Michael Bevan.

Mark Taylor, the Australian captain, on his way to 45 in the tourists' 113-run win at Arundel yesterday

Having won the toss, no one could have blamed Taylor had he taken a deep breath before pulling on his pads. Bad form sinuates itself like a virus, which can take some shifting. However, the Australian captain is no shirker and he clearly felt it was time to see if three weeks' rest had cleared his mind of the poor batting form that has dogged him for nearly two years.

After an early wobble where he played and missed against Neil Foster, it soon became apparent that Taylor had not lost his nose for a long hop. Once he had got his feet moving, he crashed several tame offerings county players, Graeme Hick from Neal Radford to the cov-and the Worcestershire captain, er fence. It was the start he er fence. It was the start he needed and by the time he was bowled for 45, aiming John Emburey's cagey off-spin into

and failure were at last taking

Australians quickly into their stride

Arundel scoreboard

Mark Waugh, his opening partner, has never been known to fret, except over the nags on his betting slip. He is a player of exquisite touch, deftly exploiting angles like a Gower without the deathwish. Apart from paying Foster, his old colleague at Essex, the compliment that he was still good enough to open the bowling for his former county, little troubled him and it needed a fine running catch

Did not bet: B.P. Julian, J.N. Gillespie, M.S. Kasprowcz, G.D. McGrath.

Bowling: Redford 10-0-52-1: Foster 7-0-26-0; Whitteli 10-0-45-1: Capel 4-0-21-0: Em-burey 10-2-25-2; G W Flower 9-1-55-1.

ing. He did not let him down by David Ward at long-on to get rid of him.

Mark Waugh apart, there is a theory circulating on the back of their recent tour of South Africa that the Australian batting is not particularly proficient against spin. The basis of this is unclear and yet four of the five wickets to fall did so to spin, Emburey taking 2 for 25 in a fine spell of bowling.

Having survived one stumping chance, Steve Waugh gave Andy Flower a chance to make amends off his brother's bowl-

bowled making room to cut Emburey, Australia were 143 for 4 and more than a little bothered.

and when Ricky Ponting was

Enter the recently discarded Michael Slater, whose dashing strokeplay has been a doubleedged sword as far as the selectors have been concerned. He hits the ball with a rare gusto and having belted three sixes, he brought up his fifty with an exquisitely placed off-side boundary from the last ball of

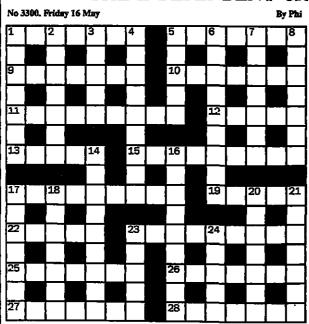
the innings. There has been talk, and not all of it idle, that the leading pace bowlers in this Australian side lack experience in English conditions. Indeed before yesterday, Glenn McGrath with a total of seven overs and Jason greener than the pitches they are likely to encounter. Mind you, the same was probably said of Dennis Lillee and Bob Massie in 1972, before the pair wreaked havoc at The Oval and

Grath, the most experienced in Test terms, who took the langest to settle, and he visibly struggled to find his rhythm. By contrast, the bounding Gillespie clean bowled Andy Flower the best batsman on display, with his first

bail in England. Two ball later he had his second when Andy Whittall, en-acting a little hesitation shimmy. was palpably lbw. Ward fol-lowed, caught behind by wicketkeeper Ian Healy. In all he took 4 for 21 from six pacey overs, his forcefulness being ably backed by Mike Kasprow

icz, who took 3 for 17. Apart from an early glimpse of the Aussies, the 7,000-strong crowd had every reason to be disapppointed as just three of Gillespie with seven fewer, were the Duke's batsmen ventured into double figures. Only a ninth-wicket flurry by Emburey and Radford, worth 60, put the home side past the 100 mark and this warm-up into perspective. Australia love a good Pommié bashing, whatever the venue:

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



1 Bubbling hot rum surrounds one element (7) Cuts back Home Secre-

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12 Area noted for its Queen (a female academic) (5)

The beat's expected from most of the nick (5)

Crime committed by people at home? (6,3)
17 It'll catch those falling in river, after tucking into

gross feast (6, 3) 19 Run in the next race (5) 22 A lecturer's good, in fashionable dress (5)

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23 Dessert followed by several courses such as biscuits? 25 English politician lashes evidence of heavy drink-

27 Unhappy involving Church in magic (7)
28 Cry of pain repressed? I seem upset, alas (3, 2, 2)

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Boozer upended boozer, notice (7)

Perform better than ordinary soldiers in the open air (7) Material inserted is fashionable for people (5) Chap wrongly named as intended victim (6,3)

Easily-split rock is sound

View from above of self-catering accommodation initially encountered during stay? (9)

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say, evident in marine creatures (3-4) 18 Off-hand for each hand? 20 Sources of coal that are no good at all" (3,4) Escaped soldiers held up

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Chapman in first-day lead

ANDY FARRELL reports from Hanbury Manor

As an amateur, Roger Chap-man won the 1979 English Championship and the 1981 Lytham Trophy. As a professional, he won the Zimbabwean Open. So far that is a unique experience in his career as a touring pro, and it may well be unique for being achieved at a

venue bearing his name, Chap-man Golf Club in Harare. These are little known facts about Chapman, born in Kenya 38 years ago and whose reputation as a runner-up more usually goes before him. He has been second six times on the European

tour and 11 times worldwide. Chapman, who clocked up his latest near-miss in the Moroccan Open in March, is in fine form, as shown by his 16th place in the Ryder Cup standings. A six-under 66 in the first round of the Alamo English Open here gave him a onestroke lead over the German Thomas Gogele. Jose Maria Olazabal returned a 69, but Colin Montgomerie continued to

struggle with a level-par 72. This is Chapman's 393rd event on tour. It took Carl Ma-

son until his 455th to achieve a maiden win. "I've chatted to Carl and he said one day it will happen, keep plugging away and believe in yourself," Chapman said. A year's work with Chris Linstead, a sports psychologist and martial arts expert who worked with Bernard Gallacher prior to the last Ryder Cup,

has done wonders.
"I believe with Chris we can crack it," Chapman added. "It may not be this year, or next year, but there will be one, I'm sure. Before, when I was coming down the stretch, I was thinking 'let's get this over with'.

Now I'm enjoying my golf."
While Chapman made six birdies without dropping a shot, Olazabal picked up the same number of shots but made three bogeys. Though the Jack Nicklaus II-designed course is not excessively long, length off the tee is an advantage as accuracy is

on Wednesday night, but it took him only until the fourth before he three-putted from 15 feet. "I

Woods in need of practice

Texas, Tiger Woods spent much of yesterday on the practice green before the first round of the tournament proper.

The rust that accumulated after four weeks away from comters champion on Wednesday as

required for the approach shots. "You don't want to be hitting four-irons in to these greens because they are so well protect-ed," Olazabal said. Montgomerie holed 300 putts

have no confidence, unfortu-

Four hours after stumbling to he missed fairways, missed a shaky 74 in the pro-am at the Byron Nelson Classic in Irving, greens and missed putts in a four-over-par round. "Each round I'll get better and better with my

mental state," Woods said. The Byron Nelson is the beginning of a three tournament run-up to the US Open, and defending champion, Phil Mickelson, Nick Price, Nick Faldo and Mark O'Meara are in the field.

falls victim to civil war ANDY FARRELL

rest R Paimer and A Clarkson.

Women's tour

When it comes to blood-letting, the Women's European Tour like to cut deep. They were at it again on Tuesday night at an acrimonious AGM at the tour's headquarters at The Tytherington. When accusations turned to personal insults. Gill Wilson, the deputy chief executive, walked out saying: "You can all get stuffed".

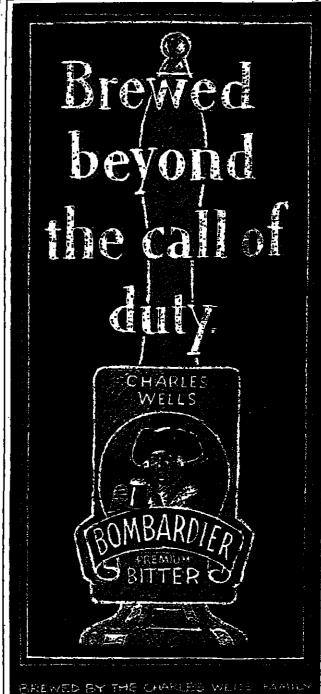
Terry Coates, the 66-yearold chief executive and chairman, is expected to resign at an emergency meeting of the tour's board on Sunday evening. Coates, a former British Airways executive, took over in March 1993 after a players' revolt jettisoned Andrea Doyle.

Despite gaining American Express as the tour's first overall sponsor, expanding television coverage and seeing the stature of leading events, such as the Weetabix British Open, raised out of all recognition, Coates and Wilson have come under fire at the AGM each year.

Coates said: "Every one since the first has been a bear-pit. It does not matter how successful good enough for them. Two or three players grabbed hold of the meeting and it got personal and extremely aggressive.
They were saying they could

run the tour better than we could. The criticism was that there was not enough money and not enough tournaments.

"The players don't appreci-ate what has been done for them. When Gill left, I picked up the microphone and said the players had lost probably the most important, most committed person they've ever had working for them. I believe in the tour, but I have no heart to



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